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Israelis strafe Lebanon

Bombing inflicts many casualties

BEIRUT, April 27 (AP) — Waves of Israeli fighter-bombers raided Lebanon's southern port cities of Sidon and Tyre in the second straight day. First reports from Sidon indicated dozens of civilian casualties.

A communique from Palestine Liberation Organization in Beirut said 100 Palestinian positions along a 65km stretch of Lebanon's Mediterranean coast were bombed, rocketed and strafed by "wave after wave of raiding enemy planes."

Associated Press reporter in southern Lebanon Edmond Shehidi said by telephone from Sidon the city was speaking from one end to the other as Israeli planes struck.

The sound of explosions was clearly heard over the telephone as he spoke. "It is much worse than Sunday's raids. They (the planes) are dropping bombs, firing rockets and strafing in one run after the other nonstop for 45 minutes so far. They're still hitting," Shehidi added.

The PLO communique said the area of the attack stretched from Tyre, the commando's main Mediterranean port, to the Golf Club area of Delharnieh, 16kms south of Beirut.

Eyewitnesses in Sidon said the raiding planes came in formation of eight, each firing balloons to deflect heat-seeking shoulder-fired Sam-7 Strella missiles hissing up from commando positions. At least 14 were killed and more than 30 wounded in Sunday's air assault.

Meanwhile, Syrian troops and Christian militiamen battled for the snow-blanketed peaks of Lebanon's strategic central mountains Monday as sniper fire and explosions broke out in the commercial quarter of Beirut.

But a government spokesman said a lasting Syrian-Christian ceasefire would be proclaimed Tuesday, providing for the reopening of Beirut International Airport and the demilitarization of east Lebanon's Christian city of Zahle and the central mountain peaks of the Saninin range.

The spokesman said details of the ceasefire accord would be announced after the arrival in Beirut Tuesday of Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam for two days of talks with Lebanese government officials as well as nationalist Muslim and rightwing Christian groupings.

Khaddam said after a day of talks in Damascus with Lebanon's Foreign Minister Foad Boutros he hoped for "practical steps that will lead to the achievement of national accord and realization of security and peace in Lebanon."



CONGRATULATION: Actor Alain Delon (right) congratulates President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his wife Anne-Aymone at the end of the first round of the election Sunday for a new president of France. Giscard d'Estaing, who arrived in first position after the first round, will face Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand in the second round.

In May 10 runoff

Giscard faces Mitterrand

PARIS, April 27 (R) — Valery Giscard d'Estaing Monday won a pledge of personal support for another seven years as president of France from neo-Gaullist Jacques Chirac, his main right-wing opponent in weekend elections.

But Chirac, who took nearly 18 per cent of the vote in the first round of the presidential contest, carefully avoided instructing his supporters to back the outgoing president in the run-off poll May 10 against Socialist Francois Mitterrand.

At the same time the Communist Party, the main loser in the balloting in which it scored its lowest percentage poll since the mid-1930s, was silent on whether it would call for a vote for Mitterrand in two weeks' time. With nearly all results in from mainland France and overseas territories from the Caribbean to the South Pacific, French political analysts said there seemed no doubt the Giscard-Mitterrand contest would produce a knife-edge result.

Official figures gave the president 28.27 per cent of Sunday's poll or just 8.2 million votes, while the Socialist leader had 25.87 per cent and 7.3 million votes.

Chirac, who told reporters at his campaign headquarters in Paris Monday that it was up to the conscience of his supporters to decide whom to back next month, took 5.2 million votes. Communist leader Georges Marchais, who had set his sights firmly on a 20 per cent poll, took only 15.37 or just under 4.5 million votes.

The outcome of the voting was received calmly on the Paris foreign exchange market where the franc weakened marginally against other major Western currencies. Share prices dropped sharply on the stock exchange.

Among the hardest-hit stocks were those of banks and industrial plants which the Socialist Party has said it would seek to nationalize if it gained power. But French press commentators generally agreed that the poor showing of Marchais and Mitterrand's unexpectedly good score would make it easier for the Socialist leader to avoid committing himself to radical leftist measures.

Giscard, repeating one of the main themes of his campaign speeches, said late Sunday night it was clear that Mitterrand would need Communist votes to win the presidency May 10.

Chirac, who served as the president's prime minister from 1974 to 1976 before breaking with him and rallying former supporters of the late Gen. Charles de Gaulle in a new party, raised the same issue Monday.

First 100 days

Reagan accomplishes little

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The record of Ronald Reagan's first 70 days in office was slim. Three major speeches, including his inaugural address. One bill signing of national significance. A trip of barely more than 24 hours to Canada. Then, on the 70th day, someone tried to kill him.

And so, as Reagan approaches his 100th day as the 40th president of the United States, what dominates is the assassination attempt on March 30. Despite the best efforts of his senior staff — most of them successful — to keep the White House functioning normally, the president's recuperation has slowed work on his primary project: the economic program.

But the lack of specific progress, any delays in winning congressional approval of his proposals, an absence of tangible results, should not obscure the most important element of the 100 days. Between Jan. 20, the first day, and April 29, the 100th day, Ronald Wilson Reagan has tried to set the government on its sharpest change in course since Franklin Delano Roosevelt assumed the helm at the depth of the great depression.

Reagan outraged liberals with proposals for sharp cuts in housing, welfare, housing subsidies, food stamps, the school-lunch program and job training programs.

Beyond that, he would eliminate, among others, the Legal Services Corp., Vista Volunteers and the Institute of Museum Services, the Economic Development Administration, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health Training.

Automobile safety regulations — opposed by Detroit as adding to the price of building a car — have been relaxed. And, in the words of National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen, discussing whether the president has tended to place a greater emphasis than predecessors on the East-West relationship, "the stark reality of the U.S.-Soviet relationship has been carefully elaborated in this administration's short existence."

Allen contested suggestions that the administration had redefined the Carter administration's emphasis on human rights, declaring that these principles remained "the core of American foreign policy." "We have the (nuclear) deterrent to protect human rights, certainly in East-West terms," he said.

The administration's plan, from the start, was to use the first 100 days to set a tone, to make clear its overall approach to economic problems and to demonstrate concern. The president wanted to turn the government upside down and change its tenor. Reagan's supporters and critics agree that he has succeeded in turning the central point of the debate over his economic proposals from whether there will be budget and tax cut to how deep they will be. "We are certainly not disappointed by the results to date," said White House Chief of Staff James A. Baker III.

In his short tenure, and even before his left lung was wounded in the assassination attempt, Reagan made a substantial change in the way a president does business. The change gave rise to questions about what he does all day.

Before his injury, he would get to the Oval office in time for an 8:45 a.m. meeting with his troika at the top: Counselor Edwin Meese III, Baker and Michael K. Deaver, deputy chief of staff. The three were also the last to see him at work each day, meeting with him in time for Reagan to walk back to the White House family quarters — "living above the store," he calls it — by 6 p.m.

In between, Reagan would meet with group of cabinet members for policy discussions or oral briefings, chat with labor leaders, host "courtesy calls" by members of Congress or welcome foreign diplomats.

Television cameras following Reagan around in February showed him telling jokes and joking with visitors in a private meeting. In the evening, Reagan would review briefing books or memoranda about the next day's events, dine at a fashionable hour, 7:30 p.m., or set out for an evening at the theater or in a fancy French restaurant.

If the shooting did slow Reagan's drive in Congress, it also bought him some time, extending the traditional 100-day honeymoon that by the calendar ends Wednesday.

The president's critics and his allies say that his greatest strength is his ability as a communicator. It is a strength that is being tested as he seeks support on Capitol Hill.

King honors Schmidt

First round held on bilateral ties, Mideast problem

RIYADH, April 27 — King Khaled and Chancellor Helmut Schmidt beaded their two countries delegations to the first round of official talks here Monday night.

Official sources said the two sides reviewed a number of important matters, led by the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Palestinian problem. Bilateral relations were also discussed, the sources said.

Before the talks King Khaled gave a dinner party in honor of the chancellor who arrived here earlier in the day on a three-day official visit.

The chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany was welcomed upon arrival with military honors by Crown Prince Fahd.

Schmidt was also welcomed at the airport by Prince Abdullah second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, the minister of defense and civil aviation; Prince Miteb, the minister of public works and housing and Prince Saud Al Faisal, the foreign ministers and other leading princes, minister and high ranking officials.

Prince Saud told reporters that he hoped the visit would create further support by Bonn for the just Arab cause. Saud added that the North-South dialogue would also be another topic for discussion.

Official sources told Arab News Monday that the talks with the German delegation will focus on way of expanding economic cooperation between the two countries.

Oil supplies were also expected to be discussed. Saudi Arabia, which is Germany's biggest oil supplier, had also extended some 13.6 billion marks (\$6.8 billion) to the Bonn government to offset balance of payments deficit. Schmidt is accompanied by his wife, Dr. Otto Graf Lambsdorff, minister of economy, Manfred Lahnestein, state secretary in the federal chancellery, Kurt Becker, state secretary in the press and information office, and other senior aides.

The first round of talks was due to begin Tuesday morning. Prince Fahd will lead the Saudi Arabian delegation. In the evening Schmidt will attend a reception by the German community at the Intercontinental hotel. On Tuesday he will have talks with Petroleum Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani and then meet with Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khaib. Prince Fahd will give a dinner in his honor later in the evening.

The official German delegation of 15 is backed by a large delegation of about 45 foreign and financial officials as well as about 80 press men, German sources said. Schmidt has personally invited three leading German scientists to join the delegation, the sources added. German journalists are to meet with Planning Minister Hisban Nazer in the morning. On the third day of his visit, Schmidt will hold a press conference.

Saudi Arabia and the Federal Republic enjoy strong relations and last year King Khaled paid a state visit to Germany. Monday's visit was the second by Schmidt to Saudi Arabia since 1976, two years after he was elected to Germany's top executive post.

Official German statistics released here this week showed that the two-way trade grew from DM7.5 billion in 1976 to DM14.18 billion in 1980. The balance of trade, heavily in favor of Saudi Arabia, however is blamed on German oil imports which reached DM9.72 billion last year. Exports to the Kingdom, led by heavy machinery and automobiles, were estimated at DM4.27 billion in the same year.

Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Mubammad Aba Al Khaib said that German exports to the Kingdom grew 25 times between 1972 and 1979 and imports 40 per cent in the same period.

Contracts signed by German firms in Saudi Arabia were worth SR24 billion and joint ventures totaled 58 at a capital of SR3 billion, in the same period, the minister added.



HONORED: King Khaled (right) talks with Chancellor Helmut Schmidt of the Federal Republic of Germany during a dinner party given in his honor. The chancellor arrived in Riyadh Monday afternoon on a three-day official visit for talks on bilateral relations and world issues.

Senate leader says

A WACS sale delayed

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — U.S. Senate majority leader Howard Baker has said that President Ronald Reagan's plan to sell advanced radar planes to Saudi Arabia probably will not be submitted to Congress until mid-summer and that the lawmakers won't decide the issue until fall at the earliest.

The Tennessee Republican said Reagan agreed to a delay to give Congress a chance to give its advice before a final package is developed. But Baker said: "It's not pure coincidence" that the debate and vote on the sale of the A.WACS planes will come after June 30 elections in Israel, which has criticized the sale as a threat to its security.

"The last thing on earth a proposed sale to Saudi Arabia needs is to become a domestic political issue in Israel," Baker said in an interview on the television program "Face the Nation."

Kills new-born livestock

Cold wave hits Europe crop

PARIS, April 27 (AFP) — A cold wave that descended on Western Europe during the last few days has already caused major damage to the region's agriculture, freezing West German potato fields and the blooms of Dutch fruit trees while killing thousands of new-born livestock in Britain.

Also, in Poland, already hard-hit by farm problems, the cold snap brought below freezing temperatures and delayed spring seeding. The farm land seeded for grain is seven per cent below the planned acreage. Sugar beet seedlings were down 36 per cent, and potatoes down 67 per cent.

But the cold will not have an impact on germination, and harvest prediction remain optimistic.

In Cornwall and northern Britain pasture land have been covered by more than a meter of snow, and the situation in some West German regions was described by Agriculture Minister Josef Erd as "a catastrophe."

Britons were digging themselves out of the snow Monday, from Wales to central and southwest England.

"I think the worst is over, for this lot anyway. But it's going to stay cold," said a meteorological office spokesman in London. At least four people died in three days of freak snowstorms, which began in Scotland and northern England, and spread south and southwest Sunday.

Fears grew for five teenage boys, three only 14, missing since Saturday in freezing temperatures on lonely Dartmoor in southwest England. Royal Air Force and Royal Navy helicopters, backed by troops using snow vehicles, resumed their search of the 579 kms moor early Monday in what rescuers described as a "race against time."

Marines and civilian rescuers were dropped by helicopter into the northern sector of the moor, normally remote and now inaccessible because of snow drift on road.

In Italy, people in the central and northern regions were shivering Monday and house heating was discontinued last week in accordance with the fuel-saving law. Snow fell on the Dolomites mountains, in northeast Italy and in the Apennines, in central Italy, after several weeks of dry spell.

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Uganda minister wounded in chest

KAMPALA, April 27 (R) — Ugandan Minister of Animal Industries and Fisheries Joseph Otim was wounded in the chest and leg in an assassination attempt outside his ministry in Kampala Monday, eyewitnesses said. It was not immediately known how badly he was wounded, but eyewitnesses said the bodyguard of Otim was killed.

Some witnesses said two men waited at the gate of the ministry and attacked the minister's limousine with pistols and a grenade. Others said Otim's car was fired on by men armed with automatic rifles in another vehicle. Otim is a veterinary surgeon by profession.

Sources close to the ruling Uganda People's Congress (UPC) Party said security forces had arrested the gunmen. This was not immediately confirmed by government officials. Twelve days ago, a UPC member of parliament Joseph Muhavukwa was shot dead on a road nine kms south of Kampala. The government blamed the killing on dissident groups seeking to overthrow President Milton Obote, who returned to power last December.

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Committees to decide on proposals

Islamic Solidarity Fund to discuss budget

JEDDAH, April 27 — The Islamic Solidarity Fund opened a four-day session here Monday under Dr. Ezzeddin Ibrahim, president of the fund's Permanent Council, to discuss and approve a \$30 million draft budget.

The ISF is an agency of the 42-nation Organization of the Islamic Conference sharing the same headquarters, but having an independent budget. Unlike the OIC budget

which is based on member states' regular subscriptions, the ISF relies solely on voluntary donations.

The Fund, which began operating in 1974, works to foster Islamic solidarity throughout the world. It promotes Islamic and Arabic cultures, gives aid to Islamic countries and institutions around the world and comes to the rescue of Muslims in distress. The Fund sponsors religious and cultural programs all over the world.

According to a resolution of the Third Islamic Summit held in Makkah-Taif last January, the budget will be more than tripled — from the previous \$15 million — in 1981-82. ISF officials expect OIC member states to pledge enough during the forthcoming 12th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers in Baghdad, June 1 to 6, to increase the budget by \$35 million a year.

One of the major achievements of the ISF recently has been the establishment of a \$100 million Waqf (endowment or trust) to generate a steady revenue and sustain the ISF's welfare activities, rather than depending solely on voluntary contributions from member states which do not always arrive on time. Saudi Arabia already pledged \$20 million for that fund, and other member states are expected to announce their donations at the Baghdad conference in June. The present meeting will elect the Waqf's board of trustees.

The Permanent Council, meeting at OIC headquarters in Jeddah, will approve proposals to distribute some \$7 million (from the 1980-81 budget) to Islamic associations and institutions throughout the world. The proposals were made by four committees: for Africa and the Middle East, Asia and Australia, Europe and North and South America, and the Universities and Higher Institutes Committee.

It will also consider assistance totaling \$2 million to Chadian refugees in Sudan; Oga-den refugees in Somalia; Afghan refugees in Pakistan; victims of the war in South Lebanon; the Moro National Liberation Front in southern Philippines; and the Algerian city of Al Asnam for its reconstruction after devastation by an earthquake last year. A sum of \$300,000 was already granted to Djibouti a month ago in the form of foodstuffs and blankets to be sent by boat to aid after a barsb dry spell.

The chapter for natural catastrophes and man-made disasters itself, from which these sums come, is proposed to become a full-fledged Islamic Relief Agency. ISF President Dr. Ibrahim, cultural adviser to the president of the United Arab Emirates, will submit to the council the agency's draft statute as decided by the summit last January.

President Ibrahim also will submit the draft statute for a teachers training college in Chicago, as passed by the latest session of the council last November. The ISF already gave

\$700,000 for the center which will cost \$10 million at an initial stage. Renowned boxer Muhammad Ali has already donated the necessary villas for the college.

Also high on the agenda will be a set of projects submitted by the Palestine Liberation Organization for which \$2 million is regularly allocated every year to resist judaization measures in Al-Quds Al-Sahrif (Jerusalem). Other topics include the fixed annual amount of \$1.5 million to be granted to the Niger Islamic University Project and a similar sum for the Uganda Islamic University Project. Some \$11 million have already been paid for the former, including \$5 million from Saudi Arabia. The overall cost of the project is about \$63 million. The Uganda project is more ambitious, with its total cost estimated at about \$200 million. And \$8 million have already been given to the Ugandan government for the project, including another \$5 million from Saudi Arabia.

Eight international firms, including Egyptian, Tunisian, French, Moroccan and Nigerian, are building for the Niger project. The firm will be selected within two to three weeks by a commission designated by Niger and including an ISF representative. Bids have not yet been invited in the Uganda project.

The council also will discuss a project dating back to five years: setting up an Islamic Center in Guinea Bissau. The ISF already contributed \$500,000 to the project and Saudi Arabia gave a similar amount and promised another \$500,000. The council will consider the best method to help finance the total \$30 million needed for the project.

Another topic is the transformation of the already existing Ahmad Baba Center in Timbuktu, Mali, into a major Islamic school and regional institute for West-Africa, at an overall cost of \$35 million. The ISF already gave \$600,000, and the Makkah-Taif summit requested OIC member states to help finance the project. The council approved the alloca-

tion of \$1 million for programs in connection with the advent of the 15th Hijrah century.

Sudan will submit a memorandum on a \$15 million project to establish an Islamic translation institute in that country for which the fund already paid \$200,000. Discussions also will deal with the Sharia and Religious Science Institute project affiliated to Al-Zaytoonah University in Tunisia. Overall cost is estimated at 13.4 million Tunisian dinars.

The ISF already participated, with \$500,000 for the construction of an Islamic hospital in Amman, and with \$350,000 for the construction of a wing bearing its name at Ibn Sina hospital in Indonesia. The fund also gave \$1 million and will give \$250,000 every year for the construction of a wing at the City of the Sons of Palestinian Mujahideen in Damascus. The complex will include a school, hospital and other facilities.

Pilgrim sites inspected

MAKKAH, April 27 (SPA) — Public Security Chief Gen. Abdullah Abdul Rahman Al-Sheikh Monday inspected new projects here at the pilgrimage sites. He was accompanied by his assistant for administrative affairs, Kamal Serajuddin, and a number of senior officers.

BRIEFS

Yamani in Madrid — Saudi Arabia's petroleum minister, Ahmad Zaki Yamani, flew into Madrid from London Sunday on a four-day visit as guest of his Spanish counterpart, Ignacio Bayon, who welcomed him at Barajas Airport. Yamani will attend an energy meeting in Madrid to study present and future petroleum supplies and prices.

Business to make trip — A delegation of prominent businessmen will leave here next month on a visit of the United States, Mexico, Venezuela, Brazil, Uruguay and Argentina for talks with their businessmen about bolstering cooperation with the Kingdom. The delegation is made up of 18 members led by Sheikh Ismail Abudawood, president of the Jeddah Chamber of Commerce.

Youths present folklore — The fifth annual Theater Festival of the Youth Welfare Organization opened here Monday. More than 300 youths from various parts of the Kingdom will present theatrical and folklore items and national songs during the four-days festival. The festival follows the annual theatrical arts competition also organized by the YWO which lasted throughout this year and in which 84 clubs from all over Saudi Arabia participated.

Saudia receives new jumbo — Saudia received its second Boeing 747, as part of a deal signed to acquire ten jumbo jets during the next two years. The aircraft will be put into service immediately.

Saudi-Indian commission — A joint Saudi Arabian-Indian commission will be formed soon to boost cooperation between the two countries according to Indian Ambassador Abdul Qader Hafizka. The commission will come within the framework of the agreement of cooperation signed by Foreign Minister Prince Saud during his visit to India recently.

Dental seminar scheduled — RYADH, April 27 (SPA) — A seminar on dental surgery and diseases will be held here Wednesday to exchange information about various aspects of dental hygiene. A number of specialists here and from abroad will take part.

Korean construction minister to visit — JEDDAH, April 27 (SPA) — The Korean construction minister will visit the Kingdom for several days beginning next Saturday at the invitation of Communications Minister Hussein Mansouri. The two men will discuss possible cooperation in transportation schemes and the Korean contribution to them.



Muhammad Aba Al-Khail


Aba Al-Khail to head team

RIYADH, April 27 (SPA) — Muhammad Aba Al-Khail, the minister of finance and national economy, will lead the Saudi delegation to the Saudi-American Joint Commission on Economic and Technical Cooperation which will meet here, May 16-18, under an agreement signed between the two countries in 1975, it was learned Sunday.

The American delegation will be headed by the U.S. secretary of the Treasury, Donald Regan. At the same time, side meetings will be held between Saudi and American businessmen, according to the tradition since the commission began its sessions last year.

The commission meets once a year on a rotation basis between Riyadh and Washington. It is the umbrella for Saudi-American cooperation in all fields: economic, technical, scientific, cultural and technological. It assesses the state of cooperation and considers the best means to develop it in the best interest of both countries. The two sides also exchange views on the world economic situation, the international monetary system and development in general.

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Prince Ahmad

Ahmad attends UAE military graduation

ABU DHABI, April 27 (SPA) — Deputy Interior Minister Prince Ahmad attended graduation ceremony of the sixth class from Zayed ibn Sultan military Academy in Al Ain. The ceremony was held under the auspices of President Sheikh Zayed ibn Sultan Al-Nahyan.

Sheikh Zayed and Prince Ahmad, accompanied by members of the UAE Supreme Council of Federation and Saudi Arabia Ambassador Sheikh Muhammad Mansour Al-Rumaih, witnessed field maneuvers, bar racks and physical fitness exercises.

Prince Ahmad expressed his admiration for the high standards of the academy. He said he was proud to see the military and scientific development at the academy.

Sheikh Zayed, Prince Ahmad, the federation council members and their companions attended a luncheon given on the occasion.

Sunday, Prince Ahmad paid a visit to Sheikh Tahnoun ibn Muhammad, the representative of the governor at the eastern region here. He was accompanied by Sheikh Sorour ibn Muhammad, director of the office of the UAE president, and Sheikh Mansour Al-Rumaih, the Kingdom's ambassador to the Emirates.

Prince Ahmad then went sight-seeing an inspected development and urbanization projects in the area. He arrived here earlier in the day from Abu Dhabi in the context of a tour of UAE cities. In the evening he was entertained at dinner at Al-Ain Hilton hotel by Sheikh Tahnoun.

Earlier, in Abu Dhabi, Prince Ahmad visited the criminal laboratory at Police Headquarters where he was met by Col. Hama Said, Abu Dhabi's police commander.

U.K. companies exhibit wares

LONDON, April 27 (LPS) — The world's first public viewdate system, filing equipment, office furniture and an award winning rotary collator are just four of a wide range of products to be shown by eleven British companies during the Riyadh Business Equipment Show (Saudi Business '81) until April 30.

The companies will be participating in a joint-venture showing organized in cooperation with the British Overseas Trade Board, by the Business Equipment Trade Association, (BETA), which will mount an information stand at the show. Their stands will be grouped together and will occupy a total of 200 square meters of exhibition space.

The Business Equipment Trade Association was formed in 1920 and now has about 230 members. BETA represents U.K. manufacturers and concessionaires of business equipment of all types including office machinery and systems, computers, computer peripheral equipment and office furniture.

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Tuesday	Makkah	Medina	Riyadh	Dammam	Buraidah	Tabuk
Fajr (Dawn)	4.27	4.24	3.55	3.40	4.04	4.31
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.18	12.19	11.50	11.37	12.02	12.31
Asr (Evening)	3.40	3.47	3.18	3.08	3.32	4.05
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.46	6.50	6.22	6.11	6.35	7.08
Isha (Night)	8.16	8.20	7.52	7.41	8.05	8.38



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Philippine exhibition opens in Jeddah

By Farouk Lagman and David Hassan

JEDDAH, April 27 — Mica lampshade, which becomes translucent as the light is put on, colorful handblown glass and unisex apparel is among the highlights of the first Philippine trade exhibition which opened here at the Hyatt Regency hotel for a week-long show Sunday.

The exhibition heralds Philippine's attempt to introduce its handicrafts into Saudi Arabia and boost the earnings of this \$500 million industry which ranks fifth in the country's top ten foreign exchange earners.

Also on display at the exhibition are abaca golden fiber, rattan furniture, oil paintings, shell products and toys. Wilfredo V. Vega of the Philippine Commercial Center told *Arab News* that the center hoped to make a dent into the Saudi Arabian market under the sponsorship of Sheikh Mishal Al Adham and Sheikh Khaled Taber who provided a breakthrough for the introduction of handicrafts into the market. He said the center proposed to organize a similar exhibition in Riyadh.

Sheikh Mishal and Sheikh Khaled said they are planning to set up an "International Trade Center" in the Jeddah Towers which



BLOWN GLASS: The sponsors of Filipinas Fiesta Sheikh Mishal Kamel Adham and Sheikh Khaled Hadi Taber, examining some of the blown glass wares being shown at the Hyatt Regency hotel.

belong to Sheikh Abdul Hadi Taber, governor of Petromin. The center will house and sponsor the products of several countries for marketing here. They have already secured the sponsorship of the Philippines and Spain and hope to obtain others.

"There are many beautiful and moderately-priced products in many parts of the world which are virtually unknown in our markets," Mishal said. "We hope that by introducing them to the markets here we shall acquaint our consumers with some of these lovely goods," he added. The first day of the exhibition attracted a surprisingly large number of people, helped by the spaciousness of the hotel lobby and corridors. Ten per cent of the goods on display was sold in the first 20 minutes and the specimen furniture and mica partitions were sold out even earlier.

Vega said shell products were the most popular items in the Philippines. Made from sea shells, they were handcrafted into exquisite products, mainly as items of interior decoration and toys. Equally popular was the rattan furniture made by Muslim artisans. He said this craft was imported into the Philippines from Saudi Arabia.

The Philippines comprise 7,000 islands and each had contributed in its own way to the growth of handicrafts. Besides, the country had absorbed foreign influences which also served to enrich the Philippine culture. The Philippine music for instance, had traces of Spanish influence.

The apparel section sells embroidered dresses made of katka (pineapple fiber), barong, and embroidered polycotton for men, and embroidered dresses, unisex pants, lady's shoes and abaca bags (shopping bags for ladies).

Joint program produces proteins

TAIPEI, April 27 (CNA): The Republic of China and Saudi Arabia will cooperate in producing single molecule proteins in a joint effort to defy any food crisis in the future.

Successful experiments have been conducted at a refinery of the Chinese Petroleum Corp. at Chiayi in southern Taiwan to turn methyl alcohol supplied by Saudi Arabia into proteins for human food substitutes, according to the National Science Council.

An NSC spokesman stressed the importance of the joint plan, saying that its success is instrumental to the stability in food supply during the next 20 years for both Saudi Arabia and the Republic of China.

The Republic of China may obtain sufficient supply of methyl alcohol from Saudi Arabia to produce proteins for mutual benefit, the spokesman said.

After completing successful experiments, the two countries are negotiating for the setting up of a giant plant, either in the Republic of China or in Saudi Arabia, the spokesman revealed.

Initially, the spokesman said, Saudi Arabia has provided \$4 million as a research fund and has asked the Republic of China to carry on experiments.

The spokesman said the cooperation project is particularly important to the Republic of China which has to rely heavily on imports of wheat and other protein-rich crops, despite its sufficient self-supply of such carbohydrates as rice and sweet potatoes.

COMMENT

By Sulaiman Abu Haseen Al Yom

In a series of orientation weeks, Traffic Week was the last such that has just ended. If we consider the positive effects of such orientation programs on the citizens in general, we find that they have created a partial change in the outlook of the citizens — though not as much as has been expected.

The reason for such a shortcoming seems to be that we simply limit our obligations to the duration of such programs only. The organization of these weeks has, in fact, become a routine matter for a society like ours, which is trying to absorb all elements of civilization and culture.

To quote an instance, as soon as we knew that the Traffic Week has begun, everyone of us carefully carried the driving documents which had been hitherto left neglected in the house or in one of the drawers of the office table. Not only this, everyone also became meticulous in the

observance of traffic rules and regulations. But, as soon as the week was over, everything returned to the same loose state as it was before. This has been our habit with all such occasions when we care to demonstrate only a temporary response to the educational programs.

I strongly feel that people in the modern age cannot afford to overlook any matter that has a direct bearing on their lives. If such orientation weeks demonstrate their significance for a limited period only, I don't think there is any use spending huge funds and other resources on them. Being ideal in our conduct and behavior during those weeks does not necessarily mean that we have successively achieved our cherished objectives.

If we really care to bring these programs to any tangible success we ought to pass each day of our life with the spirit of a planned week, in complete abidance by the rules and regulations governing the different aspects of life.

FROM THE GULF

ABU DHABI, April 27 (WAM) — The symposium on how to implement Islamic laws and regulations on the national economy convened here resumed its deliberations Monday and discussed a study on the insurance companies and the Islamic alternative for them.

Abdul Rahman Al Bakr, and is being participated by leading Islamic scholars and judges. The study suggested that each state controls the insurance activities by establishing a governmental insurance company.

AL AIN, April 27 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates president, Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, along with members of the Supreme Council and high ranking government officials Monday attended celebrations marking the passing out of a new batch of officer cadets at Zayed II military academy in this agricultural city some 160 km. east of Abu Dhabi.

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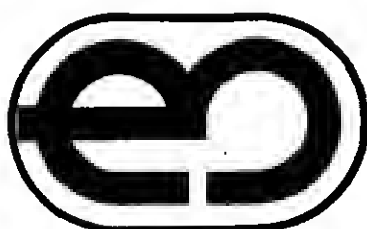
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Fresh clashes reported

Bani-Sadr: End faction fights

TEHRAN, April 27 (Agencies) — Iranian President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr has urged an end to factional fighting that is reported to have claimed six deaths over the past week.

risen to four dead and 1,000 injured in six days of sporadic fighting. Two girls were said to have been killed Tuesday. Officials said a man and a girl were killed in Tehran Monday when left-wing militants and Islamic fundamentalists clashed.

country and to avoid such confrontations."

The violence was spurred by demonstrations in the capital Monday marking the first anniversary of the death of 25 persons when extremists drove out certain student groups from Tehran University. The newspaper Islamic Revolution said dozens of people were injured Saturday in street clashes in the Caspian cities of Gorgan, Babol and Babolsar.

In ties with Libya

Mauritania may adopt caution

RABAT, April 27 (R) — Mauritanian opposition sources have said here a government reshuffle in their country Saturday might indicate a new more cautious line toward Libya.

by Morocco in 1976. The sources said B'Neijara had probably agreed to the proposal. He had been visiting Tripoli a few days before it was announced by Qaddafi.

The sources said French-trained Lt. Col. Maouya Ould Sid' Ahmed Ould Taya, appointed prime minister, was not politically affiliated. His predecessor, Sid Ahmed Ould B'Neijara, had followed a pro-Libyan line. Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi recently suggested that Mauritania and the Polisario Front, which is fighting for an independent Western Sahara, should merge and form an alliance with Libya and Algeria against Morocco. The Western Sahara was annexed

But the sources said popular opposition to Qaddafi's proposal became evident when the Libyan leader visited Nouakchott, the Mauritanian capital, last week. They said there were anti-Libyan street demonstrations in Nouakchott and Nouakchott radio used a new tone a few days ago when it said that "Mauritania is not for sale."

President Mubammad Khouna Ould Haidalla had to calm down anti-Libyan feeling in Mauritania, they said.

Karmal wants new prime minister

NEW DELHI, April 27 (Agencies) — Afghan President Bahrak Karmal has said his Soviet-backed government should have a new prime minister and be purged of what he called undesirable elements, Kabul radio, monitored in New Delhi, reported.

But the Afghan leader, who also heads the Afghan Revolutionary Council and ruling People's Democratic Party (PDF), did not say who might succeed him as prime minister. Addressing the Revolutionary Council in Kabul on the eve of the third anniversary of the Saur (April) revolution that brought Marxist rule to Afghanistan, he said there should be changes in the cabinet and a prime minister must be appointed.

The government should be "cleaned of undesirable elements" and officials should consider themselves the servants of the people, he said. The present government, which includes members of two rival party factions, has two deputy prime ministers — Sultan Ali Kishnamand, who belongs to Karmal's Parcham (flag) faction, and Abdulrashid Aryan, a member of the Khalq (masses) faction.

Karmal reiterated his offer to open talks with Pakistan and Iran to resolve the Afghan crisis. He also called on Afghan refugees abroad to return home.

Kabul radio said the Soviet leaders, United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and Indian President Sanjiva Reddy had sent telegrams of congratulations to Karmal on the anniversary of the 1978 revolution. In Moscow, Tass quoted Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Prime Minister Nikolai Tikhonov as saying in their telegram that Afghanistan could "count on the Soviet people's solidarity and internationalist assistance in the defense of the gains of the April revolution..."

The Soviet Union sent an estimated 85,000 troops to Afghanistan in December 1979 when President Karmal came to power in a Moscow-backed coup to prevent the collapse of Marxist rule in the country. Kabul radio, monitored in London, said the Afghan Revolutionary Council has freed more than 700 political prisoners.

Meanwhile, Afghan Foreign Minister Shah Muhammad Dost has returned to Kabul after talks with Czech leaders, Kabul radio said. The radio monitored in New Delhi said Dost held extensive discussions on possibilities of expanding economic and technical ties between Afghanistan and Czechoslovakia.

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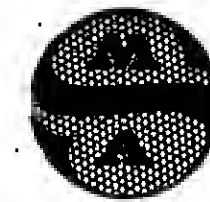
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W. Bank security tightened

Arabs mistreated by Israeli soldiers

RAMALLAH, April 27 (AP) — Israeli forces have imposed heavy security in the occupied West Bank city of Ramallah, a day after troops broke up a demonstration with tear-gas and bullets that wounded two Palestinians Sunday.

Military sources also confirmed that troops sealed up two Palestinian houses last week in nearby Silwad village that belonged to the families of two commandos. The families were evicted. In Ramallah, Palestinians said they were mistreated by soldiers who forced them to clear away stones and humming tires, the debris left after an Easter celebration turned into a violent anti-Israeli outburst.

One Palestinian, 21-year-old Walid Zafi, rolled up his shirt to show a reporter a red welt on his back which he said was the mark of a blow from a truncheon while he was held in detention. Israeli sources denied that anyone was beaten, but said some Arabs may have been dubbed during the melee that began when the troops were stoned.

The Easter demonstration, which fell on Saturday, was the most serious disturbance in the West Bank in several months. One woman was wounded by Israeli gunfire in a demonstration three weeks ago, but before that, the latest unrest was last December.

Ramallah was hustling with troops and roadblocks closed off a one-block area around the town hall of El Bireh, Ramallah's twin city, where Israeli lawyer Leah Tsemel

had planned a protest of Sunday's incidents. Mrs. Tsemel arranged for reporters to meet several Palestinians who said they were forced to strip to the waist and clean the streets of the demonstration area with their shirts.

Meanwhile, the Israeli army Sunday discharged as "unsubstantiated" a 19-year-old private who became a minor cause celebre for deciding to go to jail rather than serve in occupied Arab territory.

Last month, after public pressure both here and from abroad, the military chief of staff, Lt. Gen. Raphael Eytan, commuted Gadi Elgazi's one-year sentence after he had served eight months in a military prison. The army said Elgazi was to be allowed to finish his regular tour of duty.

But Elgazi claimed that once he was out of jail, the army gave him the following ultimatum: Either rejoin his tank unit in the occupied West Bank or be discharged.

"I rejected both choices," Elgazi told AP by telephone Sunday, "not serving my nation is also against my conscience."

In Israel, the dismissal could hurt his chances for future education or employment, because any man who does not complete the obligatory three-year duty, for whatever official reason, is open to criticism that he shirked his national duty.

During a military trial in January 1980, Elgazi cited his objection to the military government's policy of exiling Palestinian Arab dissidents, demolishing houses and shooting unarmed student demonstrators in occupied territory. The court ruled that Elgazi based his position on politics, not conscience, and sent him to jail.

Qaddafi arrives in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 27 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi arrived in Moscow Monday for talks expected to include political and military cooperation between Libya and the Soviet Union. Qaddafi was met on arrival by Leonid Brezhnev and other Soviet officials.

The Soviet news agency Tass reported. Streets near the Kremlin were draped with Soviet and Libyan flags in honor of Qaddafi's arrival.

The Soviet press heralded in advance the two-day visit, declaring Monday morning that the talks would be a "new step" in cementing Soviet-Libyan relations. The articles gave no details of what would be discussed, but a Libyan official said cooperation in political and military affairs were among topics on the agenda.

The Communist Party daily *Pravda* said that Soviet-Libyan economic and political ties are in the interests of world peace, and that Libya pursues a course of "active neutrality," peaceful co-existence and anti-imperialism.

The United States has accused both Libya and the Soviet Union of involvement in international terrorism. Western analysts in Moscow said Qaddafi's visit poses opportunities and problems for the Kremlin.

Earlier, Qaddafi paid a surprise visit to Bulgaria and had talks with Bulgarian President and Communist Party chief Todor Zhivkov, the state news agency BTA reported.

Qaddafi arrived in Sofia Sunday afternoon. The actual purpose of the visit was not immediately clear.

On Lebanon

Arab Americans launch peace bid

By Houston Bureau

HOUSTON, April 27 — The National Association of Arab Americans (NAAA) has launched a major effort to help reduce the fighting in Lebanon, according to NAAA Executive Director David J. Sadd. Speaking in Washington recently, Sadd said, "NAAA counts among its members Arab Americans with family ties to all of the different Arab combatant groups in Lebanon. We are acutely conscious of the fact that the situation in Lebanon is a ghastly 'family quarrel' that benefits no one, not even Israel, whose meddling makes everything worse."

The goal of NAAA is to bring about a greater commitment by the United States and by the major parties in Lebanon to end the bloodshed, Sadd said. "We have contacted the leaders of the principal combatant groups in Lebanon, reminding them that the factions

6 Pakistani students to get jail, lashing

KARACHI, April 27 (AP) — A military court has sentenced six students to up to one year in prison and 15 lashes for burning passenger buses during a March 25 political demonstration.

The court in Nawabshah district town in Sind province about 150 miles northeast of Karachi, gave three students one year's imprisonment, 15 lashes and a fine of \$600 each, while the other three were given sentences of nine months imprisonment, 10 lashes and a fine of \$500 each.

The fines will be paid to the owners of the buses, the court said. The students were found guilty of burning the buses and organizing a mass demonstration in response to an appeal made by Mrs. Nusrat Bhutto, widow of the late Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto.

individually, and Lebanon collectively, are all losers in the long run if this fratricidal conflict continues. We are also trying to stimulate a much more active role by our own government, moving beyond statements to positive action on behalf of the central government and to sanctions against the negative elements with whom we have leverage, Israel in particular."

A statement issued by NAAA identified several means — "either a White House task force, congressional hearings, or U.S.-inspired United Nations action" that could

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Chatti briefs

Kuwait on Gulf peace efforts

KUWAIT, April 27 (AP) — Tunisia's Habib Chatti, secretary general of the Organization of Islamic Conference (OIC) briefed Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Monday on the latest efforts by the Islamic goodwill mission to solve the Iraq-Iran conflict.

Chatti told reporters the Sheikh "expressed Kuwait's support and understanding" for the efforts being exerted by the mission. He refused to elaborate.

Chatti also said his meeting with Sheikh Sabah touched on the Palestinian question and "Islamic issues in general." Chatti is here for a meeting with a committee of Islamic experts laying down the ground rules for an Islamic court of justice, proposed by the ruler of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al Sabah, earlier this year.

Meanwhile, the ruler received two personal messages from Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qaddafi Monday, when officials said the subject was the Lebanese crisis mainly.

The messages, these officials said, examined facets of the "oft-repeated Israeli aggression" on southern Lebanon and the Arab situation in general. No details were immediately available.

Bahrain, India may sign agreement

NEW DELHI, April 27 (R) — The Ruler of Bahrain, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman al-Khalifa, arrived here Monday on a four-day official visit to India.

He praised India's "effective and influential" role as a leader of the nonaligned movement and said he was confident his talks with Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi would produce positive results.

Indian officials said India and Bahrain were expected to sign an economic cooperation agreement during the visit.

Korean minister meets Jordan crown prince

AMMAN, April 27 (AFP) — Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan conferred here Sunday with South Korean Public Works Minister Kim Jon Nam, official sources reported.

The conversation focused on bilateral relations between the two countries and on ways for promoting their technical cooperation. Kim, who arrived here Saturday at the head of a delegation for a visit of several days, also conferred with Jordan's premier, Mudar Badran.

Arafat visits Libya

DAMASCUS, April 27 (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat left here Sunday for Libya at the invitation of Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, the Palestine News Agency Wafa reported.

It said a delegation of the Nationalist Lebanese national movement traveled to Libya aboard the same plane as Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). Earlier this week, Qaddafi called on Arab League member states to attack "invading Israeli forces" in Lebanon.

BRIEFS

ISTANBUL, (AP) — Turkish military authorities have arrested Ercument Tahiroglu a prominent lawyer for a leftist labor confederation, on charges of conspiracy against the state, legal sources reported Monday.

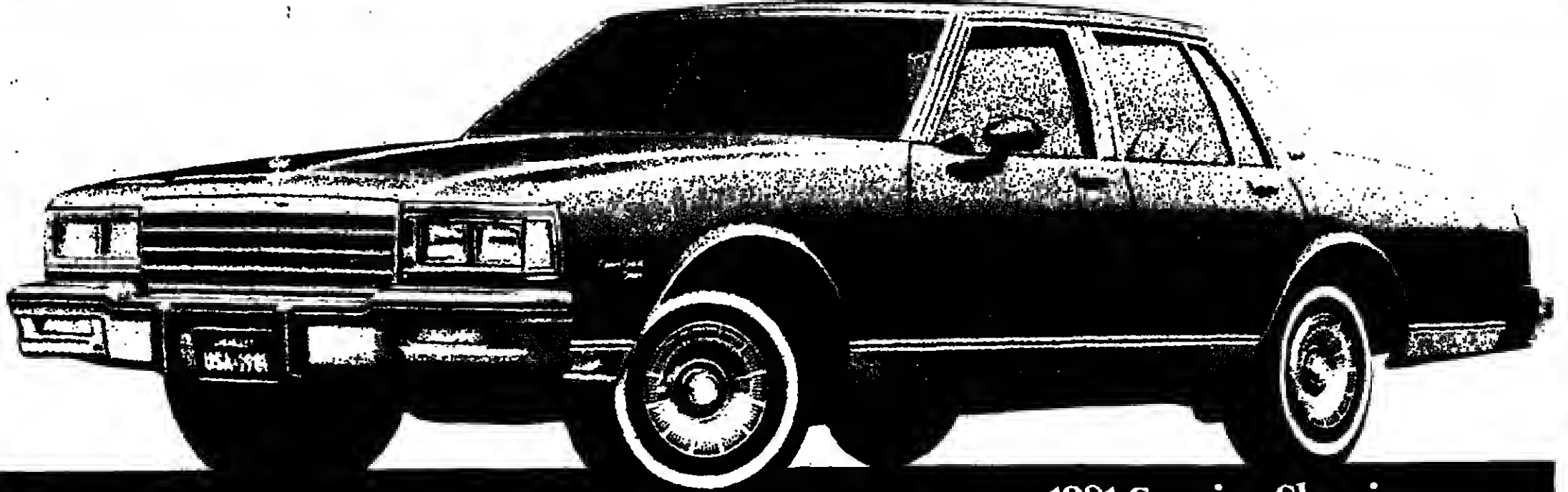
FRANKFURT, (AP) — Ten Iranian students went on trial Monday charged with threatening fellow countrymen alleged to have been agents of the deposed Shah's secret police Savak.

BAHRAIN, (R) — The population of Bahrain has grown by two third in the past 10 years to 358,857 from 216,078, the Bahrain-based Gulf News Agency reported Sunday. A census this month showed that the percentage of foreigners in the country rose to 32.4 per cent from 18 per cent in 1971.

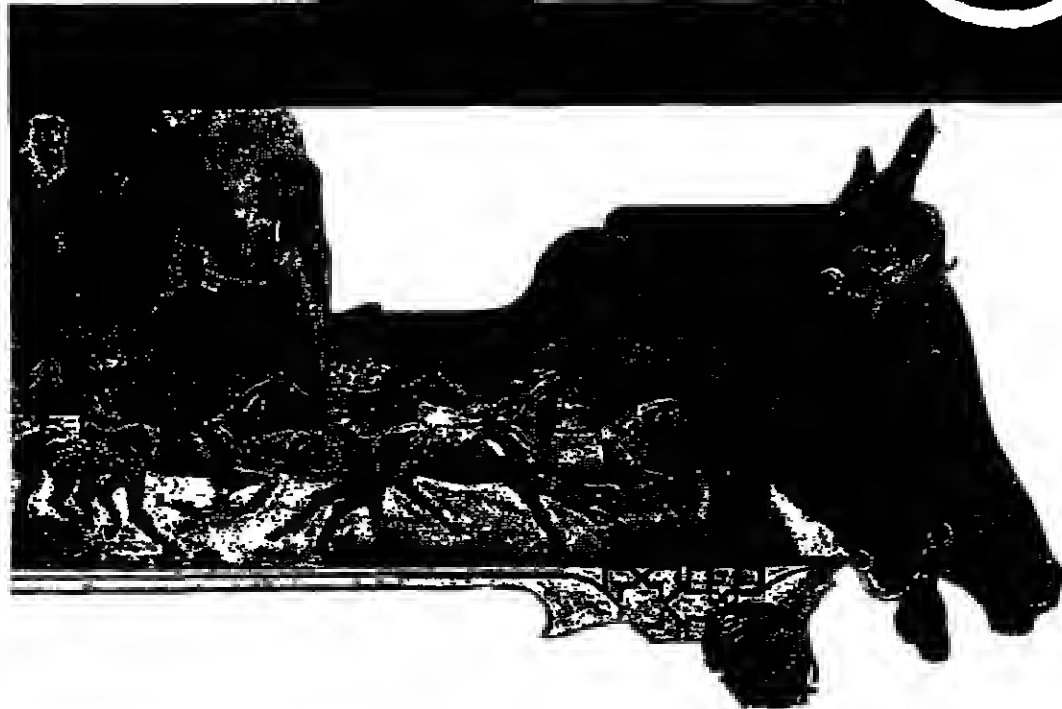
KUWAIT, (AFP) — The Sudanese ambassadors to Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates have been replaced as part of a major purge among 1,400 high-ranking Sudanese civil servants, the newspaper *Al Saissa* reported here Monday.



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Soviet presence in Vietnam worries U.S.

By Gareth Porter

WASHINGTON — If you think the main problem for the United States in Southeast Asia is the Vietnamese military presence in Cambodia, think again. What worries U.S. military and intelligence circles is not Cambodia but the growing Soviet military foothold in Vietnam.



Middle East dangers responsibility of U.S.

By Lord Caradon

After U.S. Secretary of State Haig's visit to the Middle East it is important to review United States policy, particularly since the 1967 war and especially since the arrival of the new administration in the United States.

East has been facilitated by United States collaboration. The occasional United States pronouncements that the Israeli settlements on the West Bank "impede the peace process" and that Israel should not "alter the status of Jerusalem" are hypocritical to say the least when the United States has been in effect regularly subsidizing the building of new barriers.

refugees to the north. And possibly most dangerous of all, Haig continued to advocate the presence of United States forces in the Middle East, a development which is bound to cause Arab objection and Soviet reaction.

FRENCH ELECTIONS

The first round of the French presidential elections went very much as expected. Reports of a last-minute surge in favor of the Gaullist candidate Chirac did not appear to make much difference. He got only 18 per cent of the cast vote.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Monday led mostly with the 19th annual report of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency, which was submitted to King Khalid by SAMA's Governor Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Quraishi Sunday.

ably and peacefully. The paper concluded with a warm welcome to the German leader and his delegation. On the same subject, Al-Nadwa observed that the importance of Chancellor Schmidt's visit stems from the broad base of existing cooperation in many areas.

On the other hand, Al-Riyadh commented on the country's economy in the light of SAMA's annual report. It said that the first two development plans, and perhaps the third one too, had faced some difficulties.



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The great escape of Prince Charles

SYDNEY, (Agencies) — Prince Charles decided to run for it recently rather than fall into the clutches of a beauty on Australia's Bondi Beach.

The Aussies, who seem to be getting full value from their spectacle of the heir to the British throne in full flight along Sydney's famous beach, being pursued by an over-eager jogger.

The lady in question, model Bree Sommers, wore only a pair of brief salmon pink pants and a thin lace blouse. Charles, who had dived into the warm surf wearing a pair of Royal Blue trunks, was literally pushed on to the beach by his bodyguard, Chief Inspector John Maclean.

Together, looking back over their shoulders, at the rapidly advancing Bree Charles and his police guard ran for the seclusion of their car and leapt quickly inside, still soaking wet.

They drove off at high speed, anxious to get away from their embarrassing brief encounter. Still panting after the exertion of her 200-yard chase, Bree said: "I was only trying to be friendly. I thought he would think it was all a bit of a laugh."

But later it was revealed Prince Charles, half way through his tour of Australia, was not amused by what one of his entourage described as an "un-original dirty trick."

The Prince seems to be plagued by beach models whenever he comes to Australia. On his last tour in 1979 Jane Priest flung her arms around his neck as he went surfing in Perth, Western Australia.

The encounter, which she insisted was a complete coincidence, turned her from an unknown model into a noted figure.

The look-alike cocounter which Bree, 22, and 35-24-36, described just like Jane as a "complete coincidence," was seen by a group of Australian and British cameramen who had gone to Bondi to photograph the Prince of Wales as one of his famous pursuits, body surfing.

Bree too, is almost unknown as a model. "But I'm sure that my career will improve now," she said.

In London, the impending marriage of Lady Diana Spencer to Prince Charles has turned her home into a kind of holy place for the royal faithful — and produced a sharp rise in her family's income. Thousands of loyal subjects, plus a growing number of inquisitive foreign tourists, are flocking to 16th century Althorp Hall to gaze at the lawns where she played as a child and file through history-laden rooms, including the one where Prince Charles slept when he first came courting her.

There is no prospect of the visitors catching even a glimpse of the happy couple but they will see plenty of the eighth earl and the countess Spencer, who are taking a very personal interest in the serious business of catering for all their extra visitors. Like many of Britain's historic homes, Althorp Hall has been to the fee-paying public for several years to help toward its costly upkeep. But Lady Diana's



POLO PONY: Prince Charles picks himself up after taking a tumble from his polo pony Sunday at Warwick Farm, Sydney. He was not hurt and continued to play.

home, set amid rolling green countryside near industrial Northampton in the English Midlands, was never on the popular tourist route — until the royal engagement.

Now visitors are arriving by the coachload. One American businessman is offering a trip to the hall and lunch with Lady Diana's father and stepmother as the highlight of a "Romantic Tours" holiday package. The tours, starting later this month, were organized with the help of the English romantic novelist Barbara Cartland, who is the countess's mother.

It is not the style which some royal circles would find palatable, and Lady Diana's

mother, the earl's first wife, Mrs. Frances Shand-Kydd, is reported to be angry at the commercialization of Althorp Hall in the wake of her daughter's betrothal.

The Spencers are not poor but the upkeep of their enormous mansion, the family seat since 1508, is reported to cost more than \$100,000 a year and evidently every little bit helps. Admission to the gardens at Althorp is free but guided tours of the hall cost just over \$2 a head. Few visitors fail to find their way to the converted stables where the earl and his wife are on hand to encourage sales of tea,

cakes and souvenirs.

On one particular busy recent Sunday afternoon, the countess Spencer could be seen rolling her sleeves up to help her hard-pressed assistants. Her presence provoked a sudden surge of interest in a table full of necklaces and bracelets beside which was a discreet notice: "Please make cheques payable to the Earl Spencer's house opening account." The countess has also shown some of her mother's literary talent by researching and writing a short history of Althorp Hall and its inhabitants through the ages, a must for a tour of the house.



RUNNING AWAY: Prince Charles and his bodyguards running away from a model who chased him along Bondi Beach, Sydney, recently.

Parents' skin can save defective children

By a Medical Correspondent

Research workers faced with children who — because of a rare genetic defect — might become seriously disabled and have only a short life have had a dream for years. Parents of those ill-fated children have shared the dream. It is that a way might be found for the parents to provide the enzymes missing in the child's body. Now the dream may come true. Because of the defect, these children cannot break down certain complex chemicals in the body, with the result that the bones and cartilage cannot be properly made. Even worse, poisons collect which can cause the children to become mentally backward. Studies at a famous London hospital have suggested that, if the parents donate some skin to be grafted on to the child, it will provide some of the missing enzymes.

A development might be a solution made from the parents' skin cells which could be injected with even better results. We never appreciate our fingers until one of them is injured or diseased. Just strap your thumb up for a day so you cannot use it and see how you get on.

Unlucky people

The really unlucky people are those who lose a finger or thumb in an accident. The most skilled surgery has always been necessary to help them. Now a surgeon has developed a method of replacing the lost thumb with the patient's big toe. This requires microscopic surgery to join the arteries, veins and tendons. If you still want to keep your big toe, you can have an artificial finger or thumb built on and colored to match your skin. These are made from a form of silicone. You can even have separate sets of fingers for summer to match your suntan.

Flu vaccine

Some doctors' patients who had a flu vaccine often complain: "But I still have as many colds as ever, doctor." The fact is that flu vaccines are not meant to give protection against the common cold. For a flu vaccine to be fully effective you might have to have it every year — depending on the shifts and drifts of the virus which bring about the different types of flu, such as Asian flu and Hong Kong flu. The shifts occur as major changes about every 10 years; the drifts are relatively minor changes. Fortunately, influenza is usually an illness which soon burns itself out, but it can be serious for people who have a heart condition or a chronic chest disease.



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Haig trip to India planned

NEW DELHI, April 27 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig is likely to visit India later this summer for talks with Indian leaders, official sources said Sunday. No dates for the visit have been fixed, the sources said. They said one purpose of Haig's trip would be to attend a ministerial meeting of the Indo-American Joint Commission.

Earlier this month, Haig conferred in Washington with visiting Indian Foreign Secretary Eric Gonsalves on proposed U.S. arms aid to Pakistan and India's nuclear fuel needs. Pakistan's Foreign Minister Agha Shahi met Haig in Washington last week and said the U.S. had offered his country a five-year program of new military and economic assistance.

The move to supply new weapons to Islamabad has raised a storm of protest in India and Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has warned that it could lead to serious consequences. Indian officials have also demanded that America stand by its agreement to supply uranium for the Tarapur atomic plant. The United States has held up shipments because India refused to open its nuclear facilities for international inspection.

Meanwhile, a high-level Indian military delegation will visit West Germany early next month to clear a hitch in a submarine deal between the two countries, the United News of India (UNI) reported Sunday.

Ways under study for safe water

BALTIMORE, Maryland, April 27 (AP) — A Johns Hopkins University professor is studying ways of removing certain natural organic substances from water before it is chlorinated to reduce the risk of cancer. Dr. Charles O'Melia, professor of geography and environmental engineering in the G.W.C. Whiting School of Engineering at Hopkins, has received a \$98,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to support his research into water purification.

Recent reports have linked the chlorination of drinking water with cancer. The problem arises largely from the reaction of chlorine with natural organic substance — "humics" — found in all natural water, O'Melia said in a recent interview. Humics are derived from soil or come from algae and other aquatic plants. It was only recently discovered that humics, when combined with chlorine, form trihalomethanes — compounds such as

Chlorine link to cancer

chloroform — that have been identified as carcinogens.

O'Melia is studying how to remove the humics economically and efficiently from water before chlorination but he emphasized he is not seeking alternatives to chlorination. "Chlorine has proven itself the most effective disinfectant we know of," O'Melia said, and while other disinfectants exist, "they are costly and carry their own uncertainties." Chlorine may produce mild carcinogens, but "we don't know the by-products of other disinfectants," he noted.

O'Melia is trying to isolate and characterize humics and determine the methods needed for removing the compounds from water. He said the project is difficult because humics are invisible. "Data indicate that some chemicals remove organic materials most of the time, but we are uncertain how much is removed and when," he said. "There will always be some organics left in the water. It is not possible to have

water with absolutely no risks."

Meanwhile, a new study using heroin to relieve the pain of cancer patients shows the drug is effective and could be approved for use in terminal cases, scientists say. Researchers at Georgetown University's Lombardi Cancer Research Center say heroin is as good a pain reliever as morphine and may have some advantages in some cases.

The researchers found heroin to be 2 1/2 times as potent as morphine in relieving cancer pain. Therefore, less than half the dose of heroin is required to produce the same amount of relief as a dose of morphine, they say. "I see no reason to discriminate against heroin as a drug," said Dr. Philip S. Schein, chief of medical oncology at the center.

"It is not necessarily that much better than what is already available, but it works and it would give us another option in treating cancer pain," Schein said in an interview.

Amid opposition to change

S. Africa votes on Botha's reforms tomorrow

JOHANNESBURG, April 27 (R) — South Africa's white minority votes Wednesday in a general election which the opposition says could make Prime Minister P. W. Botha a prisoner of the right and block his "adapt or die" policy of social change. The most vocal champion of continued white supremacy is the extreme right-wing Herstigte Nasionale

Party (NHP) formed in 1969. It is hoping to gain a foothold in parliament for the first time.

Even within his ruling National Party (NP), which has enjoyed power for an unprecedented 33 years, Botha faces resistance to radical change on racial issues personified by the Transvaal Party leader and current minister of state administration, Dr. Andries Treurnicht.

The leader of the official opposition Progressive Federal Party (PFP), Dr. Frederik van Zyl Slabbert, argues that Botha needs the election to re-establish NP unity rather than obtain a clear-cut mandate for fundamental

reform of an apartheid (separate racial development) system which had failed. "He has not asked for such a mandate and he dare not," Slabbert said in a recent magazine article.

In campaign speeches, however, Botha has repeatedly declared he will not be deterred by the Verkramppte (hardline) elements within his own party from carrying out promises of reform. Botha inherited a record parliamentary majority from his since disgraced predecessor, John Vorster, when he took over as prime minister more than two-and-a-half years ago.

His opponents are not impressed by official reasons given for calling a general election 18 months early — vacant seats caused by delimitation of constituencies and constitutional reform — and say it is more likely that Botha wants to "be his own man."

Most political commentators doubt that the NP will be able to repeat its overwhelming 134-seat victory of 1977. The Johannesburg *Sunday Express* recently listed what it called 21 "cliff-hanging seats" in Wednesday's polls, in which a record 370 candidates from five parties are competing for the 165 parliamentary seats.

The National Party, which entered the election with 137 seats in the old house of assembly, was likely to be returned to power with between 130 and 140, the newspaper predicted. But it said its total vote was expected to be considerably reduced both from the right, by the HNP, and from the left, by the PFP. According to the same forecast, the PFP would win between 18 and 24 seats, against 17 in the last house, increasing its total votes at the expense of the NP.

Japanese rewarded for wrong conviction

TOKYO, April 27 (AFP) — A local court Monday ordered the Japanese government to pay 9.6 million yen (\$45,700) to a man who served 10 years in prison after being wrongly convicted of murder. Takashi Nasu, manager of a public house, was convicted of murder in 1949 and given a 15-year jail sentence. He was paroled in 1959.

The conviction was reversed in a retrial in February 1977, after a man presented himself to authorities as the murderer. The man was not charged because of the statute of limitation. In Monday's ruling, the court recognized the negligence of the public prosecutors toward the plaintiff, but rejected the complaint by his relatives for mental damages.

Taipei to buy advanced arms

TAIPEI, April 27 (CNA) — The Republic of China will use highly advanced weapons to fight against the Chinese Communist attempt to invade the nation and also to help maintain the peace and stability in this part of the world, Liu Ta-zen, spokesman for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has stated.

Speaking at a news conference, Liu described as "unfounded" a report in the *Seattle Daily Telegraph*, which said that as the

armed forces of the Peking regime are weak due to the cut of its national defense budget and also because of its withdrawal of military garrison from the Fukien province opposite Taipei, there is no necessity for the Republic of China to purchase advanced weapons from the United States.

"Despite the smiling offensive launched by the Chinese Communists, they never forsake their attempt to use force to seize Taiwan," he said Saturday.



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China raps America for lifting embargo

PEKING, April 27 (AP) — The official Chinese news agency said Monday that the lifting of the U.S. grain embargo against the Soviet Union is "untenable" and called the sanctions "more effective than empty talks." The Chinese Foreign Ministry said China would "observe and study" the significance for U.S. foreign policy of ending the embargo.

The Xinhua news agency said the U.S. administration's "justifications (for lifting the embargo) are obviously untenable and it is necessary to watch the next act of the Reagan administration."

System blamed for New Zealand plane accident

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, April 27 (AP) — A Royal Commission investigation said Monday "incompetent airline procedures" were largely responsible for a 1979 Air New Zealand crash that killed all 257 aboard.

The report investigated the Nov. 28 crash of an Air New Zealand DC-10 scenic flight into Mount Erebus, in the Antarctic, said the main cause of the accident was changing the computer track without telling the captain or crew. Among the 237 passengers were Japanese, American and Australian tourists. There were 20 crew members aboard the jetliner.

The Royal Commission, which consisted of a high court judge Justice P. T. Mahoo, said "incompetent administrative airline procedures," particularly the breakdown of the systems organizations of the flight operations division of Air New Zealand, were the main cause of the crash.

The report stated: "This division was conducted in a haphazard informal manner in relation to the Antarctic flights and there was an almost complete lack of records of communications within that division and between the division and others."

Many Americans, it said, believe the embargo was hurting the Soviet Union and said "it is certainly more effectively than empty talks." In a Washington-dated dispatch, Xinhua cited U.S. lawmakers and columnists who opposed lifting the embargo. It noted that *The Washington Post* called the move "Reagan's first major act bearing directly on the U.S.-Soviet relationship."

The Chinese Foreign Ministry, meanwhile, in response to a question by the Associated Press, said, "the adoption of this measure by the U.S. government could not be entirely for domestic reasons. It is, in effect, the sending of a message involving foreign policy which merits attention. We will continue to observe and study what is the true significance of this message."

The news agency quoted U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd, Democrat from West Virginia, as saying that "lifting the embargo in no way enhances the security of Poland. It makes the United States appear weak and lacking in resolve."

It quoted columnist George Will as saying that the embargo was imposed because of the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan but is being lifted partially in response to the Polish situation. The reduced pressure on the Soviet Union, he said, might result in a crackdown on Poland.

It quoted columnist Elizabeth Drew as saying that lifting the embargo is telling American allies that some domestic considerations are more important than the international situation as a whole.

In an unrelated development, Xinhua reported that China will offer a warm welcome to engineers, teachers, doctors and scientists who have quit the country if they decide to return. Xinhua said the Communist Party and provincial government in Guangdong, bordering Hong Kong, recently issued regulations on welcoming back intellectuals who had gone to Hong Kong, Macao or overseas.

If any intellectuals return to join in China's modernization campaign, and then decide they want to leave again, they may apply to do so, Xinhua added.

Honduras said to be helping Salvador 'killing' peasants

LONDON, April 27 (AFP) — A "mass extermination" of thousands of peasants is being deliberately carried out by the Salvadoran army in the mountain region along the frontier with Honduras, *The Sunday Times* reported. The peasants are in an area where guerrillas of the Revolutionary Popular Block (RPR) and other anti-government elements are locked in combat with the



(AP wirephoto) CIVIL WAR VICTIM: A child at an El Salvador orphanage takes a break from his meal, probably to think of his missing parents. He is one of hundreds of children who are orphaned during El Salvador's ongoing civil war. Liberation forces are trying to oust a civilian-military junta.

forces of El Salvador's ruling junta, the independent London newspaper said.

In a dispatch from its special correspondent in the area, David Blundy, *The Sunday Times* gave circumstantial eyewitness accounts of "atrocities of increasing brutality and repression" by government forces and also the Honduran army.

It was clear, the correspondent wrote, "that these were not the excesses of a few brutal and disobedient troops but a coordinated military campaign by the Salvadoran military, assisted by the Honduran army with — according to some Honduran sources — the support of the United States."

Describing an incident that took place on March 16, the report said: "8,000 Salvadoran refugees attempted for two days to cross the River Lempa, near the Honduran border town of Virtud, while the Salvadoran air force dropped bombs and strafed them, while the army fired mortar shells and machine guns. The Honduran army blocked the refugees' escape route by forming a cordon."

Three Roman Catholic priests told the correspondent that at least 10 were drowned trying to swim the river and others were hit by bullets. At least 20 men were killed by Honduran troops as they reached the other side.

"Some were shot, some beaten to death with rifle butts. Another Salvadoran was killed by a Honduran soldier with a machete. The number of dead on the Salvadoran side of the river is unknown," the report said.

FBI discounts Soviet terrorism role

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — There is no evidence of Soviet sponsorship or encouragement of terrorist activities in the United States, FBI Director William Webster has said.

"I cannot speak about activities abroad but I can say there is no real evidence of Soviet-sponsored terrorism within the United States," he said Sunday in an appearance on the television program "Meet the Press."

Webster noted that there are a number of

terrorist groups which emanate from Soviet-dominated countries, such as Croatian groups, "But once that point to Soviet domination or control."

Turning to the attempted assassination of U.S. President Ronald Reagan, Webster said there is no evidence that anyone other than John W. Hinckley Jr., who is accused in the shooting had advance knowledge of Hinckley's actions.

Asked about the shooting of civil rights leader Vernon Jordan, Webster said, "I'm confident that case is going to be solved." And he said, "I hope blacks will see, as most civil rights leaders see, that there is far less hesitation today for the FBI to enter the picture than in past years."

Webster said the increased number of black FBI agents and the rising responsibilities of black supervisors indicated a "full commitment to our civil rights responsibilities." Asked about the murders of young people in Atlanta, Webster said authorities appear to be no closer to a solution. "There has been nothing new in the last two weeks that I can report to you," he said.

Angola sets terms to send Cubans

WASHINGTON, April 27 (R) — Angolan Foreign Minister Paulo Jorge said in a *Washington Post* interview that Angola will send home the 20,000 Cuban troops in its country once neighboring Namibia gains independence. But he added in the interview, published Sunday, that early signals from the Reagan administration dimmed hopes for a peaceful solution of the situation in Namibia (southwest Africa).

Jorge said the Cubans were in Angola,

which shelters Namibian guerrillas, to protect it from full-scale invasion by South Africa, which rules Namibia in defiance of a United Nations cancellation of its mandate. The foreign minister, who said South African troops killed 1,800 Angolans in the past three years, told the *Post*: "When Namibia will be independent, and the aggression against Angola from South Africa finished, then we will say to the Cuban comrades 'thank you very much, you can go home now.'"

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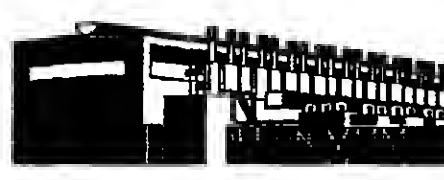
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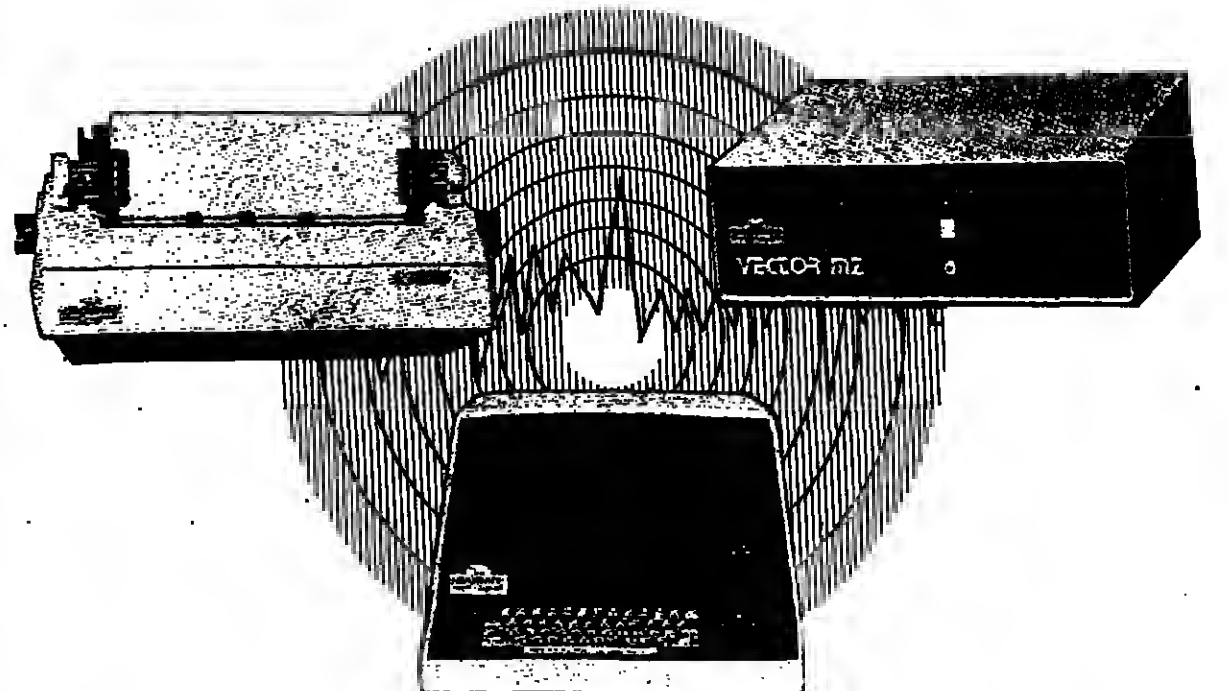
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Japan to double aid to foreign nations

TOKYO, April 27 (AP) — Japan will double its government assistance to overseas nations to \$6 billion a year in five years, boosting this country to the second largest donor after the United States, the newspaper Yomiuri Shimbun reported Monday.

Japan's plan to boost official economic development assistance will be discussed when Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki meets with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in Washington May 7 and 8, the mass-circulation daily said, quoting unidentified

Russia cautions ASEAN on EEC

MOSCOW, April 27 (AFP) — The five members of the non-Communist Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have nothing to gain from closer trade relations with the European Economic Community (EEC), Pravda has said.

A recent European Parliament resolution in favor of closer relations with Southeast Asia sought only to secure sources of raw materials and open up new markets, the Soviet Communist Party paper charged. "European nations are trying in this way to make up lost ground in competition with the United States and Japan, and are primarily interested in opening up export markets in this part of the world," Pravda wrote.

Any cooperation with the ASEAN members — Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore and the Philippines — would be strictly one-way, it added.

government sources.

Japan's aid totaled an estimated \$2.6 billion in 1979, behind France's \$3.4 billion and West Germany's \$3.4 billion. The United States contributed \$4.7 billion.

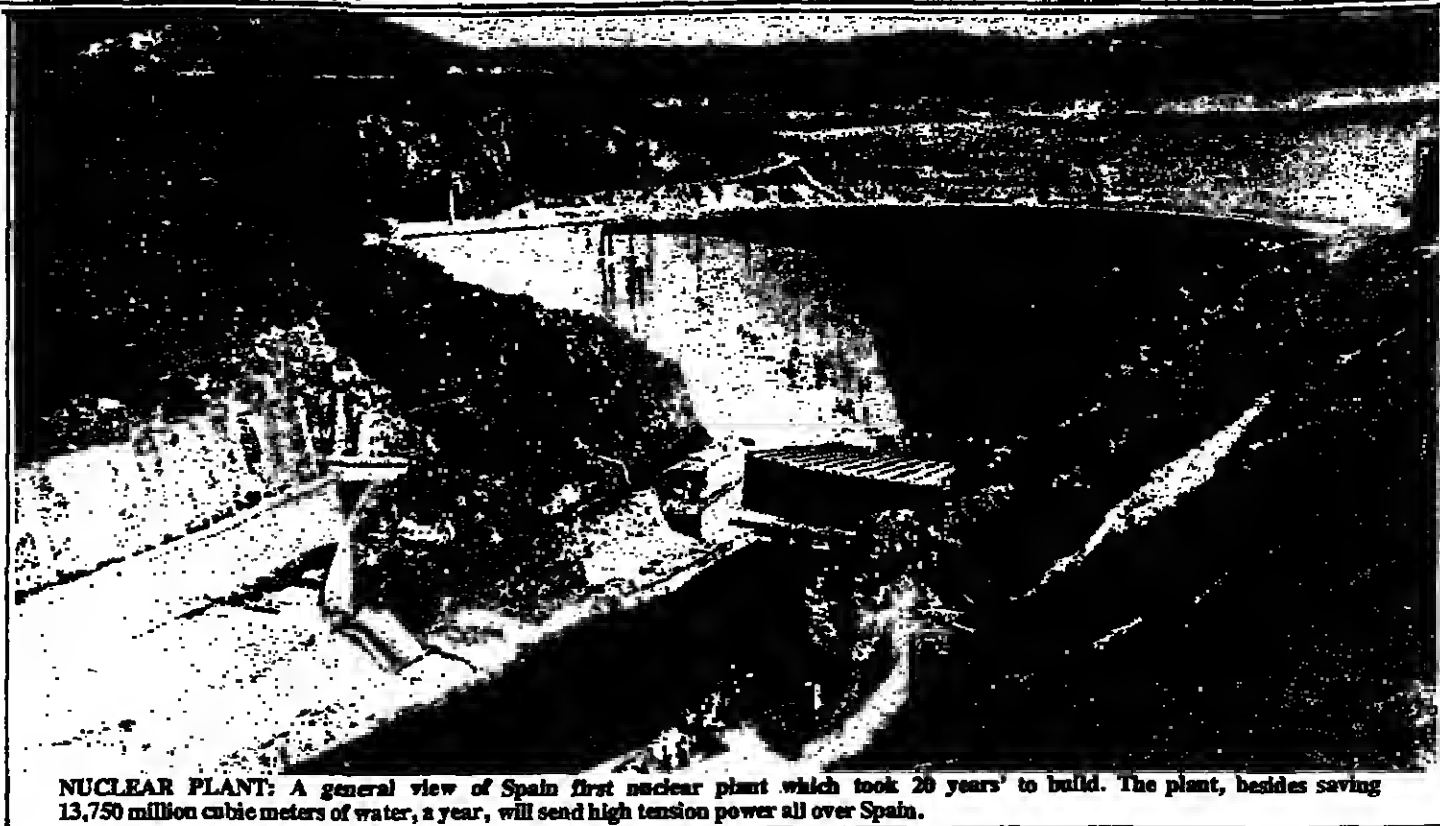
Suzuki also is to outify Reagan that Japan's aid will be directed mainly to Asian countries, including five ASEAN (Association of Southeast Asian Nations) — the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia, the paper said.

In the Washington talks, the Yomiuri said, the prime minister would also announce Japan plans to step up aid to areas strategically important to the Western world, including Pakistan and the Middle East oil-producing nations.

Meanwhile, Suzuki took up the burning issue of Japanese car exports to the U.S. with his cabinet colleagues and government officials.

Discussion was centered on recent negotiations between the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) and domestic car makers and proposals for Japan's official steps to cope with possible protectionist action by the United States, officials at the prime minister's office said.

Officials declined to elaborate on Suzuki's meeting with Minister of International Trade and Industry Minister Rokusuke Tanaka, Chief Cabinet Secretary Kiich Miyazawa, Foreign Minister Masayoshi Ito, Trade Negotiator Saburo Okita and Yoshio Okakawara, Japanese ambassador to the United States.



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For industrial renaissance

Czechoslovakia pins hope on electronics

PRAGUE, April 27 (R) — Czechoslovakia is hoping for a "second industrial revolution" through heavy investment in micro-electronics, mainly from the West, to modernize its once proud but now antiquated and thoroughly inefficient industry.

This was the clear message of a speech by Prime Minister Lubomir Strougal to the 16th Czechoslovak Communist Party congress here earlier this month. "The development of electronics and micro-electronics is a problem of topmost importance," he told 1,400 delegates, adding that integrated circuits and other technology would bring much-needed automation and rationalization.

Western diplomats here said Czechoslovakia had approached a number of leading Western electronics firms for licenses or

cooperation agreements, which would avoid lengthy and expensive research and development. Strougal said the electrical engineering sector was scheduled to grow by 45-50 per cent during the current five-year plan, a much larger increase than in any other sector of the economy, where growth targets are modest compared to previous plans. Czechoslovak interest in micro-electronics began after a visit Strougal paid to Japan in late 1979, which was reported to have made a deep impression on him. A year later he created a new ministry of electronic engineering. Czechoslovakia's problems are those of a country that industrialized early, has failed to invest in and modernize its plan and infrastructure, and is now paying the price, according to Western experts.

Another problem, underlined by Strougal in his congress speech, is that Czechoslovakia produces an "excessively wide and diversified range of industrial production that cannot be maintained at the required technological and economic standard." Czechoslovak products, once among the best in the world, have become increasingly difficult to sell to the West. A government-ordered survey last year showed that only 11 out of 70 new production lines were up to international standards.

Strougal pinpointed one of the causes when he told the congress that in the past 10 years there had been a 15 per cent drop in the number of technical designers working in industry.

A senior Slovak official said earlier this month that in 1979 Czechoslovakia spent only 1.5 per cent of its research and development budget on buying licenses abroad, down from 2.5 per cent in 1971 and considerably below the figure for other industrialized countries, East or West. Until now Czechoslovakia has been able to paper over the inefficiency of its industry by pulling in more labor, but these reserves are now nearing exhaustion, officials say.

Oman grants concession to boost oil hunt

MUSCAT, April 27 (AP) — Amoco Oman Oil Co. and the Ministry of Petroleum and Minerals signed Sunday an oil concession agreement which ties Amoco to spend \$70 million over seven years exploring for oil in a 49,000 square kilometer concession.

Once production is started, the Omani government will get 85 per cent of the oil. If production exceeds 100,000 barrels a day, the government share would rise to 87.5 per cent. The concession agreement was signed for the government by the Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Said Ahmad Al-Shanfari and for Amoco Oman by Vice President Charles Moerbe.

Moerbe told AP this was a mainland concession, and the area it covers runs roughly from the borders of the United Arab Emirates to Muscat. The concessionaires, Amoco, Oman Petroleum Company, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Amoco International Oil Co., which is the foreign operating arm of the Standard Oil Company of India, he added.

Amoco also has an offshore concession in Oman, but so far has not found oil there. This concession lies in the coastal waters between Masirah Island and the Kuria Muria Islands towards the southern end of Oman's Indian Ocean coast.

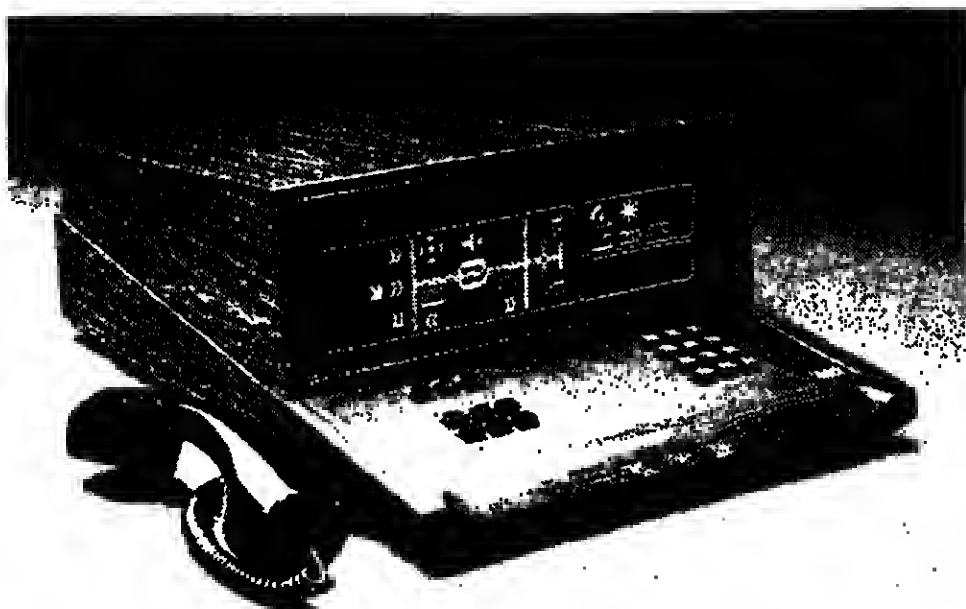
There are two German partners in the offshore effort—Deutsche Schachtbau and Wintershall. Seismic surveys were started late last summer, but no results have been published. The company earlier drilled well about 11,000 feet deep in Sawqira Bay only to abandon it as a dry hole in 1979.

German bank in Taipei reports good progress

BONN, April 27 (CNA) — The European Asian Bank, the only German bank to open a branch in the Republic of China has just reported that both the bank and the Republic of China are doing extremely well in economic growth and profit-making.

In its 1980 annual report, released Monday (April 27) publication, the bank reported in a comprehensive form the economic, especially the foreign trade activities in the Asian and two oceanic countries where the Euroasia bank is represented. On the Republic of China, the report made an extremely glowing and optimistic report, which is very unusual for international bankers who are known to be conservative observers.

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Strike hits London's airports

LONDON, April 27 (AP) — Hundreds of flights in and out of London's Heathrow Airport were delayed, diverted or cancelled Monday when air traffic controllers staged a six-and-a-half-hour strike for more pay.

Most long-haul flights were diverted or delayed, while airlines had to scrap dozens of domestic and European flights. With only one controller instead of five working each of the 10 sections at the southern England air traffic control center at West Drayton near Heathrow, all traffic at Britain's major international airport was halted in the first two hours of the strike which began at 7.30 a.m. (0630 GMT).

Later, airport authorities reported that about 20 per cent of the 540 flights scheduled during the strike had landed or departed. "We have a limited service on a few of the sectors, and are managing to get into London about three aircraft an hour from each of these sectors," a spokesman at West Drayton said.

Some international airlines delayed flights until late afternoon when the strike was due to end, or diverted them to Paris, Frankfurt, Ireland's Shannon Airport or elsewhere. Disruption was also reported at London's other major airport, Gatwick, and at Glasgow Airport in Scotland, where there was a similar stoppage by air traffic controllers at the Prestwick control center.

Dollar sags on markets

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 27 — The rial deposit rates continued to ease over Monday. According to local dealers, it was primarily due to the easing of dollar interest rates in Europe and the fall of the dollar against most major European currencies in the exchange markets. Gold and silver were trading quietly at above Friday closing levels by mid-afternoon in Europe.

The fall in dollar interest rates was not very significant — one-month dollar deposit rates were quoted out of London at 16 1/2 — 17 per cent levels in the morning, but by mid-afternoon dollar rates in the short tenors had eased by 1/4 per cent and in the longer periods by 1/2 per cent. Dealer attributed these falls to unease about the next course of direction for the United States interest rate and whether the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will maintain its "Fed funds rate" at 16 per cent — this is the rate at which "the Fed" will lend to prime U.S. banks.

The unease about dollar interest rates was translated into a fall of the dollar's value against most major European currencies. This classically illustrated the theory of the interlinking of the foreign exchange and money markets. Whilst money markets are liable to be influenced by such factors as money supply figures, central bank monetary policies etc., the foreign exchange markets are also influenced (besides the above)

by purely short-term factors which include political considerations, market expectations and what is professionally termed, "trader's gut feelings."

Against the mark, the dollar fell to 2.1745 levels as opposed to 2.1830 levels. The pound sterling was quiet at 2.1690, but the dollar fell heavily against the yen to 211.80 as opposed to 217.218 levels last weekend. The French franc seemed more buoyant at 5.1550 levels and the Swiss franc was also steady at 1.9800 levels gaining on previous 1.9930 levels. The fall of the dollar on the European exchanges was also reflected on the local markets when spot rial against the dollar fell from Sunday levels of 3.3603-13 to 3.3598-03. One local dealer commented that "nobody wanted to buy the dollar."

JIBOR deposit rates eased from opening rial levels of 13 1/4 — 14 1/4 per cent for the one month to 13 — 13 1/4 per cent by mid-afternoon. Trading was described as "thin". Long-term deposit rates also eased and one year closed at 14 — 14 1/4 per cent from 14 1/4 — 14 per cent.

Monday's closing gold prices (in dollars per troy ounce):

London	483.75
Paris	518.69
Frankfurt	488.02
Zurich	489.50
Hong Kong	Closed

Egypt strikes oil in Mediterranean

CAIRO, April 27 (R) — Mobil Oil has discovered oil and gas in the Mediterranean 45 miles (70 km) north-east of Damietta, the weekly newspaper *Masr* reported Monday.

It gave no details of the discovery, but said Mobil would make an announcement in New York Tuesday. If confirmed, the oilfield would be Egypt's first in the Mediterranean. A large gas field is already in production at Abn Qir in the Nile Delta 90 miles (145 kms) west of Damietta.

London Commodities

Closing Prices		April 27
Gold (\$ per ounce)		484.50
Silver cash (pence per ounce)		516.50
3 months		532.00
Copper cash		840.00
3 months		861.50
Tin cash		5885.00
3 months		5990.00
Lead cash		349.00
3 months		353.50
Zinc cash		386.50
3 months		395.50
Aluminium cash		600.50
3 months		622.50
Nickel cash		2915.00
3 months		2957.00
Sugar May		193.75
Aug		192.85
Coffee May		1079.00
July		1083.50
Cocoa May		931.50
July		953.50

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6653988, Jeddah.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Monday			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahmani Dinar	8.60	8.60	8.95
Belgian Franc (1,000)	95.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.82	3.20	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	154.00	155.50	154.60
Dutch Guilder (100)	139.00	141.00	138.50
Egyptian Pound	4.08	4.08	4.29
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	91.40	91.65
French Franc (100)	65.00	66.00	65.40
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	—	66.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.80
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	32.00	31.30
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.60	—	16.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.35	10.33
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.24	12.22
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.75	83.30
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.00	68.90
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.00
Philippines Peso (100)	—	7.24	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.28	7.24	7.21
Qatari Rial (100)	—	92.00	92.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	159.50
Spanish Peseta (1,000)	—	39.00	38.10
Swiss Franc (100)	169.00	175.00	169.60
Syrian Lira (100)	—	52.00	86.50
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.2630
Yemeni Rial (100)	—	73.60	73.45

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World Bank lends Syria \$15.6m

WASHINGTON, April 27 (AP) — The World Bank announced Monday the approval of a \$15.6 million loan to Syria for an education project.

The project is designed to improve the quality of training and expand the facilities for providing the construction industry and the agriculture and health sectors with better trained workers.

In an unrelated development Iraq has

agreed to give Senegal a \$2.6 million long-term interest-free loan from a special fund for helping countries that do not produce their own oil, officials Monday said here.

The loan was agreed during an official visit here by Iraqi vice-president Taha Muheiddin Maaruf. The two countries also signed scientific, technical, economic and cultural accords and agreed to set up a joint cooperation committee.

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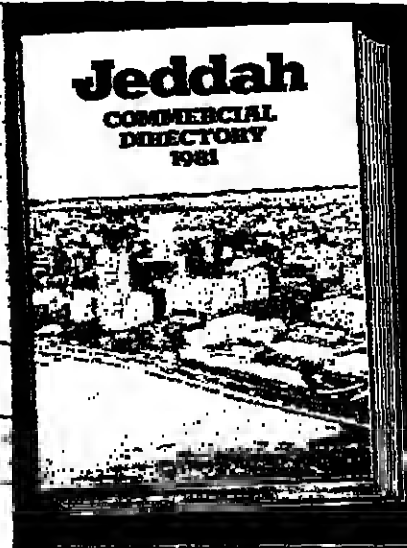
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London stock market

LONDON, April 27 (R) — Equities generally finished mixed, though the oil sector was weak throughout, and government bonds recorded quiet trading, dealers said. At 1500 hours forward trading index was down 0.9 at 586.4.

Share prices opened lower across the board, but a mid-morning rally attempt steadied the market and most sectors consolidated the gains of last week, dealers added. Oil shares were the exception following adverse weekend press comment, BP and Shell falling 14p and 10p respectively. British Aerospace ended 8p down at 224 and Vickers shed 2p, Int Tubes and Hawker gained 2p and 4p respectively. U.S. and Canadian were generally higher.

Leading banks were between 3p and 6p lower but discount houses were firm following results from Gerrard and National which added 10p to 310. Dunlop added 4p, while Bat Industries fell 3p on small turnover ahead of Wednesday's results, which are expected to be flat, analysts said. Reed International was unchanged on balance after announcing the closure of two paper-making machines with the loss of 150 jobs.

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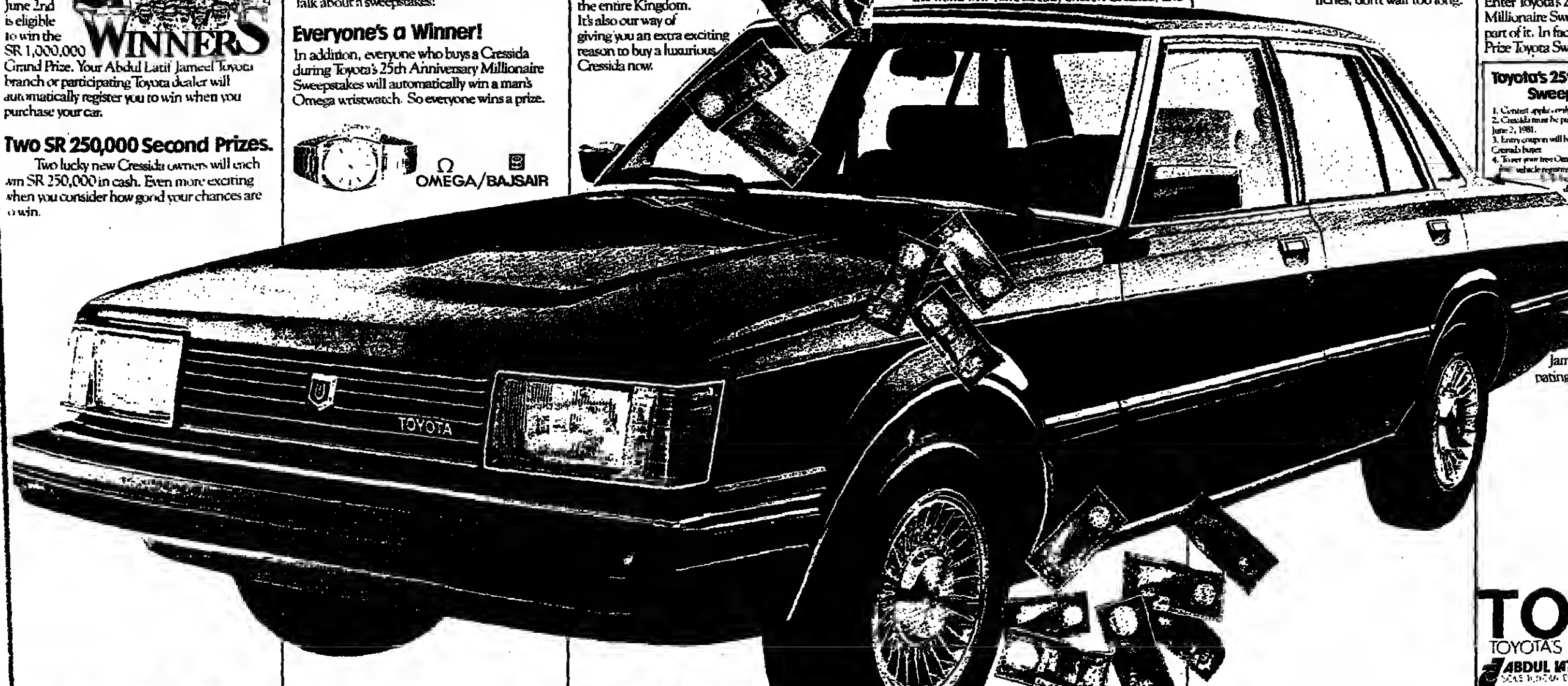
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Malone, Erving sparkle

Rockets, 76ers take commanding leads

HOUSTON, Texas, April 27 (AP) — Houston's Moses Malone, contained by Kansas City for three games, became a dominating force once again Sunday, fighting for 42 points and 22 rebounds as the Rockets defeated the Kings 100-89 to take a 3-1 lead in their NBA Western Conference Championship series.

The Rockets could wrap up the best-of-seven series and advance to the National Basketball Association finals with a victory over the Kings Wednesday in Kansas City. Malone, held to 12 points and 12 rebounds in Friday's victory, ignored the Kings' double-teaming tactics and pulled the Rockets through a pair of Kansas City rallies, including one in the fourth quarter. After the Kings had pulled within three points at 83-80, Malone again took charge and scored 11 of the Rockets' final 17 points.



BASKETBALL GIANT: Rockets' Wladimir Tkatschenko is just 24 but is conspicuous on the basketball court with his 220 cm height that overshadows one and all. He is seen concentrating on instructions given by Dutch referee Van Dishock during the USSR-West German match recently in Hamburg. USSR won the encounter 79-63.

The Rockets went into the third quarter with a one-point lead, but Kansas City's Ernie Grunfeld tied the score on a technical foul shot called against Houston coach Del Harris.

Led by Robert Reid, the Rockets' then surged back into the lead and they never trailed again. Reid hit four 'straight shots in the third quarter to propel the Rockets to a 69-57 lead. The Kings came back one more time with Grunfeld and Sam Lacey leading the charge.

The Kings narrowed Houston's lead to 83-80 with 6:41 to play, but that's as close as they got.

Timely strike

In Philadelphia, Julius "Dr. J" Erving scored the final six points of the game as the Philadelphia 76ers beat the Boston Celtics 107-105 to take a 3-1 lead in the Eastern Conference final.

The fifth game in the series between the rivals, who tied for their division title during the regular season, will be played Wednesday night in Boston. If a sixth game is necessary, the teams will return to Philadelphia Friday.

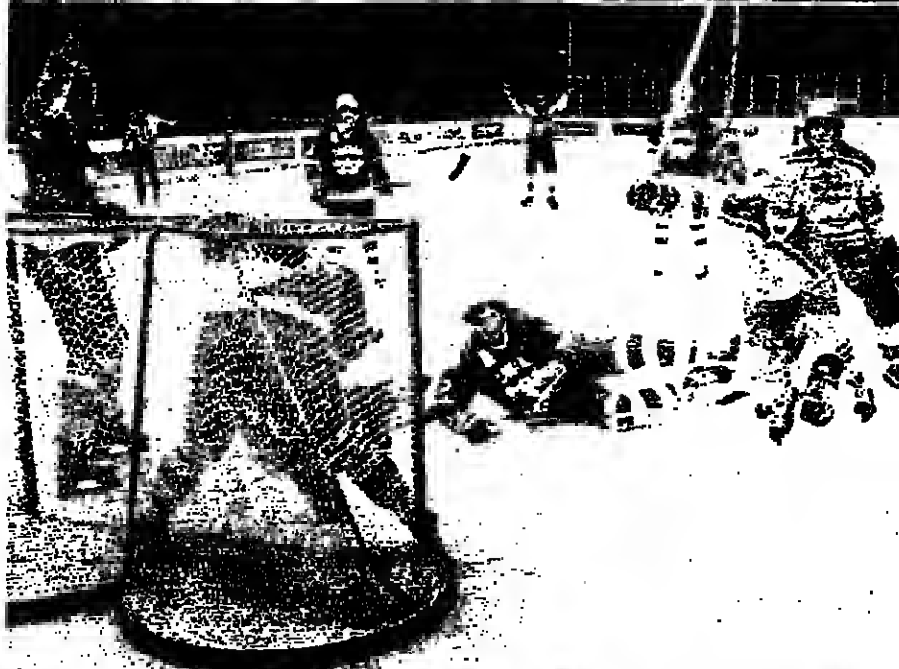
Boston overcame a 19-point deficit with 10:42 seconds remaining in the fourth period to set up the shoot-out at the buzzer. The 76ers then scored seven consecutive points to go ahead 91-84, but the Celtics rallied to tie at 93 with 6:21 on the clock. Andrew Toney collected a pair of free throws for Philadelphia and M.L. Carr hit a field goal for Boston that deadlocked it at 95. After Toney and Cedric Maxwell traded baskets, it was 97-97 with 5:08 to play.

Two consecutive baskets by Philadelphia's Maurice Cheeks sent the 76ers ahead to stay with 4:08 remaining. Boston closed the gap to 101-99, but couldn't catch up as Erving collected a pair of field goals and two free throws to protect the Philadelphia lead.

Erving led Philadelphia with 20 points, while Bosby Jones picked up 18 and Toney 17. Maxwell topped Boston with 20, while Larry Bird, who was held to only six in the first half, finished with 18. Chris Ford contributed 16.

Mamede sets record

LISBON, April 27 (AFP) — Fernando Mamede of Portugal set the best world 5,000 meters, time so far this year here Sunday when he clocked 13 mins 19.2 secs at an international meet.



ALL JOY: Sweden's Patrick Sundstrom (right foreground) gives the victory yell after he found the net to see Sweden get past Canada in the World Ice Hockey Championships in Sweden Monday. Sprawled on the ice is Canada's Barry Long.

For singles crown

Pecci topples Taroczy

BOURNEMOUTH, England, April 27 (AFP) — Paraguay's Victor Pecci won the men's singles title at the British Hard Court Tennis Championships, beating top seed Balazs Taroczy of Hungary 6-3, 6-4 Sunday.

Pecci, who did not lose a set in the tournament, jumped off to a 5-1 lead in the first set by crowding Taroczy at net. Pecci, the man who knocked Borg out of the Monte Carlo tournament in the first round, easily took the set before rain started to fall, forcing the men's match to move indoors after an hour-long wait. Once again in the second set, Pecci was too strong for the Hungarian.

England's Jo Durie won the women's title with a three set; 7-5, 1-6, 6-3, victory over France's Sophie Amiaich. Durie, 20, came from behind in the first set for her 7-5 win but then collapsed to lose the second 1-6 to the budding young Frenchwoman, 17.

Amiaich was ahead 3-1 in the final set and looked set to take the match when Durie took a break to change her skirt. The Frenchwoman seemed to lose her concentration as she failed to win another game.

It was Durie's third title in three weeks after not playing for nine months following a back operation.

Meanwhile, topseed Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia outmuscled Harold Solomon 6-4, 6-2 in the Wind Sunday to capture the 10th annual \$340,000 Alan King Caesars Palace Tennis Classic. Lendl won \$60,000 for the victory. Solomon took home \$30,000. The 21-year-old Czech proved to be the

stronger of the two and had more luck adapting to the wind. He demonstrated a delicate touch with the wind to his back and hit into it with more control and authority.

Solomon, however, relies on a baseline game and deep placement, and the wind played havoc with his shots. "The wind made it all but impossible," Solomon said. "I didn't know where the ball was going. Out the wind was had for both of us."

Lendl said he is used to the wind because of similar conditions in his hometown in Czechoslovakia. "I am physically stronger," he said. "And I think I adapted better."

In Florida, Chris Evert Lloyd devastated defending champion Martina Navratilova 6-0, 6-0 Sunday to win the \$250,000 Murjani Women's Tennis Association Championships.

Nothing that Czechoslovakian-born Navratilova tried worked as the top-seeded Lloyd played flawlessly polishing off the No. 2 seed in just 54 minutes.

Throughout the match, Lloyd placed shots where Navratilova wasn't when she played at the net, Lloyd smashed them behind her, and when Navratilova volleyed from the corners Lloyd placed them opposite her, leaving no chance to return them.

Lloyd, who chalked up her 49th consecutive victory, on Clay, has been building lately on her game from the net. She played it effectively Sunday, but it was her usual strength from the baseline that buried her opponent.

Soviet Union triumphs

GOTEBORG, Sweden, April 27 (AFP) — The Soviet Union won the 17th World Ice Hockey Championships after drawing their final match in the playoff group for the top four teams against Czechoslovakia 1-1 here on Sunday. The period scores were 1-0, 0-1, 0-0.

Sweden bagged the silver beating Canada 4-3. Period scores 3-1, 1-2, 0-0.

Sweden went into the attack from the start and were 2-0 up after 5:41 minutes and 3-1 at the end of the period. Canada took the offensive in the second period and fought back to reduce the margin to one goal after a spell in which they attacked the Swedish goal 21 times against only six attempts on their own.

Swedish goalkeeper Peter Lippark, who once again merited the title of the best goalkeeper of the tournament, managed to safeguard the narrow Swedish advantage, time and after time frustrating the attacks of

Guy Lafleur, Mike Foligno and Mike Roger. Bronze medalists Czechoslovakia, captured the "fair play" trophy for receiving the fewest penalties than any team in the competition.

West Germany, with more than double Czechoslovakia's penalty time, occupied the bottom of the table.

Henk Hille of the Netherlands and Al Hangsteb of the United States topped the list of tournament "bad boys" with 22 minutes each in the penalty box. They were followed by West Germany's Peter Kretschmer and Bob Suter of the United States.

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Sweden	6	3	1	2	16	26	7		
Czechoslovakia	6	2	2	2	20	22	6		
Canada	6	0	1	5	16	30	1		
Fifth to eighth									
United States	6	4	1	1	35	28	9		
Finland	6	3	2	1	33	21	8		
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 Pass 5♣ Pass 6♣

Opening lead — five of spades.

One of the secrets of good dummy play is the ability to anticipate and solve problems that may arise later on. For example, take this deal where South got to six diamonds and West led a spade.

Declarer won the spade with the ace and, aware that the lead was probably a singleton, decided to draw trumps at once. Unfortunately, when he played the jack of trumps at trick two, East took the jack with the ace, returned a

spade, and declarer had to lose another trump trick whether he ruffed the spade with the nine or the queen.

Certainly South was on the right track when he tried to extract the missing trumps. However, he should have realized that it was much safer to make the first trump lead from dummy's hand than from his own.

A low club lead to the ace at trick two, followed by a low diamond from dummy at trick three, would have rendered the defense helpless. In the actual case, East wins dummy's five of trumps with the ace and does the best he can by returning a spade. South ruffs with the jack, plays the K-Q of trumps, and easily scores the rest of the tricks.

Note that if West is the one with the singleton, doubleton or tripleton ace of trumps, the slam is equally ice-cold. Note also that if declarer plays the hand in the recommended manner, and East shows up with all four missing trumps, South still has no trouble making the slam. He loses only a trump trick.

The only combination of cards that can defeat the slam occurs when West holds all four trumps. In that event, the safety play of a low club from dummy to the queen fails, but declarer is sure to go down whatever he does.

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1981

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
 A friend's advice may be helpful about a financial matter, but stay clear of financial transactions now. Be wary of deception.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
 If you'll revamp your methods, you'll soon come up with a winning solution. Talk with higher-ups about insurance matters.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
 Keeping your opinions to yourself now is tantamount to deception. Meet others half way. Curb a tendency to second-guess yourself.

CANCER (June 21 to July 21) ♋
 Be wary of whom you trust. Be realistic about a job matter. Children may do the unexpected. Prepare to change a date.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 22) ♌
 Romantic matters could interfere with work concentration. Crossed signals about a meeting could lead to evening tensions.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
 Financial matters take a turn for the better. Work performance could be erratic, so

don't press too hard. Give intuition a chance.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
 Care needed in the handling of finances. Agreements need careful scrutiny. Creative activity is favored. Utilize inspiration.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
 Too much concern about finances can make you overlook a subtle relationship development. Be independent without hurting others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
 Daydreaming could impede work concentration, though artistic pursuits are favored. If you're the subject of gossip, don't over-react.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
 You're impressionable in romance and may assume too much. Finances improve now, but you're inclined to part with money unwisely.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
 Friends may be evasive. A cause once thought lost now shows signs of life. Temperamental behavior will not help your work status.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
 You're inclined to withdraw into yourself. Don't neglect practical considerations. The unexpected may intrude on your privacy.

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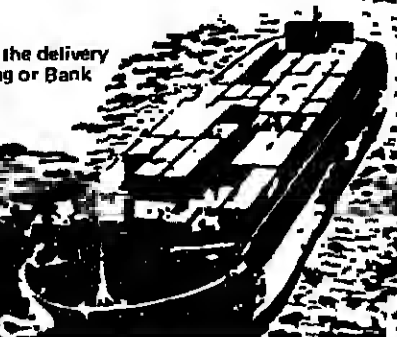
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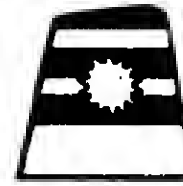
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20 IRA leaders held as Sands nears end

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, April 27 (AP) — Police arrested 20 leading supporters of Irish Republican Army (IRA) hunger striker Bobby Sands late Sunday and early Monday as Sands was reported dangerously close to death on the 58th day of his fast.

Sinn Fein, IRA's political front, reported that those arrested were all senior members of the national H-block committee which organizes the campaign backing Sands' demands that jailed guerrillas be treated as political prisoners rather than ordinary criminals.

Poles reach agreement on farmers

WARSAW, April 27 (AP) — Solidarity union and government negotiators have reached an agreement on draft legislation that will allow registration of a private farmers' union, the Polish news agency PAP has reported.

Meanwhile, Union and government negotiators in Suwalki, a town on Poland's northeast border with the Soviet Union, agreed on local issues Sunday that involve public use of government buildings, Warsaw radio reported.

Sunday's round of talks between Solidarity, the independent union born during last August's strikes, and the government came amid a lull in Poland's labor crisis.

There were no strikes or threats of strikes as Solidarity leader Lech Walesa met with parliamentary officials redrafting a labor law that codifies points of last August's agreements. Union and government legal teams agreed that the new labor code could be amended to allow registration of the farmers' union, agreed to by the government during hectic negotiations recently.

Meanwhile, East Germany hinted Monday that it was increasingly worried by the social upheavals in neighboring Poland. Politburo member Joachim Herrmann said in a speech to the National Front grouping that anti-state "counterrevolutionary attacks outside and inside Poland" were "worrying the citizens of our country."

His statement went well beyond the stand taken by East German leader Erich Honecker at the 10th congress of the Socialist Unity Party in mid-April, when he made no mention in his report of any counter-revolutionary attacks. Herrmann, the party's propaganda secretary, told Monday's meeting: "For us, Poland was Socialist, is still and will remain so."

In Prague, the Communist Party daily *Rude Pravo* said Monday that in its talks with the government Solidarity was seeking to create new conflicts. It charged the approach was designed to "generate a new wave of emotions and pressure actions on issues decisive for Solidarity."

A police spokesman confirmed the arrests, but would only say the detainees were "being questioned about their activities."

Sinn Fein said they included Tom Cahill, the committee chairman, and the leaders of committees in Lurgan, Armagh and county Londonderry. The swoops came amid a tense situation in Northern Ireland as the 27-year-old Sands appeared to be sinking fast. A Sinn Fein spokesman in Belfast said: "He is now very seriously ill, extremely weak and close to death."

An authoritative source said Sands was slipping in and out of consciousness. Doctors were at his bedside in the hospital wing of the Maze prison near Belfast, and medical staff were considering moving Sands to an outside hospital with more facilities should he call off his fast at the last moment.

"He appears to be sinking quite fast," said the source, who declined to be identified. The informant, who has access to medical reports on Sands, noted that he now weighs "around 95 pounds (43 kg) and his eyesight and bearing are seriously impaired." Sands weighed about 155 pounds (70 kg) when he began his fast March 1.

Sands' family said prison authorities have advised them to stay by a telephone at all times. The family quotes prison doctors as saying Sands almost died Saturday night soon after he refused to meet with members of the European Commission for Human Rights. Official sources said Sands may have suffered a heart attack.

The provisional wing of the overwhelmingly Roman Catholic IRA has vowed to unleash a new campaign of terror if Sands dies. Extremist Protestant organizations declared they are preparing for "a civil war situation" as Northern Ireland lurches toward flashpoint.

Several hundred young Catholics battled with police in west Belfast Sunday after a big rally supporting Sands. Police fired plastic bullets from riot guns as the mobs attacked a fortified police base. Several vehicles were set alight. In London, police arrested 43 Sands' supporters after violence erupted at a rally there. Scotland Yard also warned of a possible new IRA letter-bomb campaign after British Conservative Party MP Barry Porter received a parcel bomb.

Meanwhile, three convicted IRA terrorists came down from their rooftop protest at London's Wormwood Scrubbs prison Monday morning.

They had climbed onto the roof during an exercise period Sunday afternoon to demonstrate in sympathy with Sands. A Home Office spokesman said the men were being seen by doctors.

Also in London, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher — just back from a tour of India and the Gulf — was being kept up to date moment-to-moment on the Sands' crisis, officials said. Outside her office, Downing Street was cordoned off by police after a banner-waving "Don't let Irish prisoners die" group tried to picket the vicinity Sunday.



UNDAUNTED: "The best compliment I can receive is not somebody saying they are impressed or astonished by what I have done, but by...forgetting about (the handicap)," says 16-year-old freshman Scott Key, of Binghamton, New York. Born without hands and lower legs, Scott is seen here in his locker room before putting on his artificial legs and construction boots.

Buildings damaged

Quake ravages Westmorland

WESTMORLAND, California, April 27 (AP) — Wrecking crews were demolishing devastated commercial buildings Monday as residents of this Imperial Valley farming community cleaned up after a strong earthquake that caused an estimated \$1 million damage but no injuries.

Following Sunday's tremor, which measured 5.6 on the Richter Scale, city officials ordered the demolition of 10 downtown buildings damaged beyond repair. The area had been shaken for several days by "swarms" of smaller quakes, and the move was ordered to prevent further structural collapse.

"The ground just keeps shaking," said one resident of nearby Brawley. "Some people here are really scared." There have been a great number of smaller ones — so many that we just can't keep track. The seismograph just keeps jiggling and jiggling," said Dennis Meridith, a spokesman for California Institute of Technology, noting that at least 40 quakes above magnitude 3.0 had rattled the area since Friday evening. Officials at Caltech University and at the U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., said the seismic activity would probably continue.

Sunday's jolt damaged more than two thirds of the 900 homes in Westmorland, a community of 1,600 in southeast California. Five badly damaged houses were condemned and their occupants spent the night elsewhere as city officials declared Westmorland a disaster area.

13 die in Polish fire

WARSAW, April 27 (AP) — Thirteen persons died when fire raged through the Kaskada restaurant in the northwestern Baltic port of Szczecin Monday, the Polish news agency PAP reported. Officials said the fire broke out about 8 a.m. Monday and spread quickly "due to the inflammable decoration and floor and ceiling covering."

Authorities launched an immediate investigation and banned all entertainment shows in the port city for three days, PAP reported. The agency gave no figures for the number of persons injured in the blaze. Szczecin is a major port city on the East German border.

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Yamani sees further fall in spot oil prices

MAORIO, April 27 (R) — Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani pressed home his message to the rest of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) that he believes crude oil is over-priced and Saudi Arabia is engineering a glut to bring it down, but he declined to predict early success.

At a Madrid news conference, he said the Kingdom had acted to boost its huge production this month, although a market surplus has already pushed spot, non-contract prices for Arabian light crude down to around the psychological barrier of \$35 a barrel.

Forecasting a further fall in spot prices, Sheikh Yamani said some Saudi Arabia crude oil price during March ruled at \$36 but the Kingdom cut it to \$34. He expected that as a result their output this month would return to a record 10.3 million barrels per day (BPO).

Oil industry analysts said the Saudi Arabian move would add to difficulties of price 'hawks' in OPEC whose market share is threatened by Saudi Arabia's over-production at low prices and from whom Sheikh Yamani has said he looks for a price cut.

Saudi Arabia still charges only \$32 a barrel for most of its production, with most of the other OPEC members aligning their rates on a base price of \$36. Sheikh Yamani said in New York last week the Kingdom, will not cut its output until, in the interest of a stable oil market, this gap is narrowed on a unified OPEC price. As he reiterated in Madrid Monday, he wants this achieved by the others cutting prices, something which analysts said will be fiercely resisted.

"It is up to the other members in OPEC whether they are prepared to unify the prices of OPEC by coming down or not," he said. But he added he could not predict whether this would happen when OPEC oil ministers meet in Geneva May 25, adding that "maybe they will insist on keeping prices as they are."

Asked to forecast what industrialized countries would pay for oil this year, he confined himself to talking about the spot market, rather than OPEC official rates. On the spot market "prices will come down from the present level and probably stay at the new level," he said, without giving figures.

Sheikh Yamani is in Madrid to address an energy symposium. A recession-led slump in world oil demand has pared total OPEC output to under 25 million BPO. Despite this, spot prices are still declining and buyers have walked away from some Nigerian and Kuwaiti high-priced oil.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

What is authority, power? — Don't make heavy weather of it. Don't throw Aristotle or Hegel at me. I have seen and smelt it, so sit down till I tell you.

There was this Arab minister who invited me for lunch. The guest of honor was a minister from southeast Asia, and the host placed me next to him, on his right in fact, so that I could keep him company. The visiting dignitary spoke English, and no one else in the party seemed to. The host asked me to keep the man entertained.

This I did, and with a great success, as it turned out. The guest of honor went so far as to embrace me warmly as we parted, with great many thanks and promises of meeting again soon. I thought the man was truly outgoing in character, and why not. Even ministers are sometimes kind to mere mortals like yours truly.

But I soon received a letter from the visitor. He thanked me profusely for my hospitality, and extended an official invitation to me, his "dear colleague" as he put it, to pay an official visit to his country to augment "the ties of cooperation" between us. He signed himself, "Your Excellency's friend... so and so."

There you are. The smell of authority. My Excellency, no less. And I tell you it's a heady smell. I almost decided to have the letter mounted and placed on my desk. You should also have seen how graciously I greeted my family over breakfast that morning...

Translated from Ashraf Al Awsat

Sabotage noted in Gandhi plane

NEW DELHI, April 27 (Agencies) — The Indian government said Monday an attempt had been made to sabotage a plane in which Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was to have traveled abroad next month. Home Minister Zail Singh told parliament that an Air-India Boeing aircraft could have crashed had the "clear case of attempted sabotage" not been detected in time.

Mrs. Gandhi is to leave for Geneva on May 5 and later pay official visits to Kuwait on the 11th and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on 13th. Singh said four vital cable systems had been intentionally cut "so as to ordinarily preclude detection." They were detected during a routine inspection.

Meanwhile, a legislator of Mrs. Gandhi's ruling Congress Party and two others were slain Monday in an ambush apparently by tribal insurgents in the northeastern state of Nagaland, the United News of India reported. Three others were seriously wounded in the attack at Manyaku village which borders on India's international frontier with Burma, UNI said. The legislator was identified as Nuklo Kouyak, 39. He was a member of the Nagaland state legislature.

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